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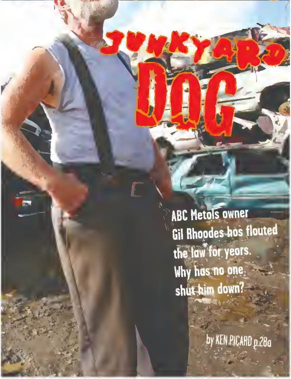

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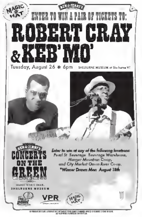

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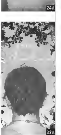

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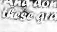

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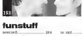
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Kieran Michael Lalor has his history wrong when he says: "This is the first time in American history that veterans of a conflict have run for office while that conflict is going on and the outcome is in doubt" [Local Matters, July 30].

In 1864, General George McClellan was the Democratic candidate for president. While the outcome was not much in doubt by Election Day, it was certainly in doubt when the campaign began.

Jeffrey E. Salzberg
JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY

ANALOG ANGST

This is in regard to your story "Burlington's Light Works Lays Film Processing to Rest" [State of the Arts, August 6].

What a frustrating piece! Those of us who remain committed to high-quality chromes (analog slides) and enjoyed the local speedy service of Light Works will have to ship our films to one of the few remaining national labs. There is simply no (affordable) projected digital image that can compete in quality and brilliance with a medium format color slide projected with a good (Leitz or Rollei) slide projector.

Color slide projection as an art form needs to be rediscovered in the U.S., as it has been in Europe during the last two decades. And I hope analog film availability and processing will not completely go under for those of us who feel they don't want to sit even more at computers to do the finishing part of their hobby when they already have to use computers for much of their work.

Jan Decher
BURLINGTON

DCR

A delightfully corporate response ["Pine Ridge Responds," August 6]. I'm afraid this doesn't ease my concerns regarding the use of the phrase "FLK" (Funny Looking Kids) in any context at all.

Pat Young
WARREN

HELLO OUT THERE

I was totally perplexed by Shay Totten's column [Fair Game, July 9]. The Intervale is the best thing about Burlington. Why does the state want to destroy it?

Something must be going on behind the scenes. Are there plans underway to cover the place over with concrete? "Intervale Condos: Luxury Living by the River. Plenty of parking and your own neighborhood shopping center!" Now that would be a wet dream for Vermont developers.

Why is the political talk of penalties and negotiations rather than massive public protest?

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L.M. Holmes
BURLINGTON

MEXICAN MISSTEP

Suzanne Podhaizer's review of "Mexican" food joints in Burlington does a disservice to true Mexican food and culture [Taste Test, July 23].

You wrote: "In the Burlington area, we don't lack for Mexican-flavored joints." As a Mexican from California, I'd say this statement is a fiction. Truth be told, real Mexican food has a much richer flavor than any of what's served in town, and a real Mexican restaurant is full of life — mariachi music, the wafting smell of fresh beans, meats and chilies.

Honestly, you're misleading people by referring to the local fare as Mexican. Call it "New England Mex" or "Green Mountain Mex" or some other name, because what's being served here is not authentic Mexican food. Seriously. Boloco has things like "Chinese Chicken Salad" and "Buffalo Chicken" burritos on its menu. Come on. Mexican?

"No hay me gusta!"

Ben Luna
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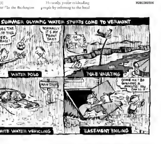
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MISTRESS MAEVE [SEX]

R.I.P. *PLAYGIRL*

The recent news of *Playgirl* ditching its print product and going all web has had the sex/media interwebs in a frenzy, with most cheeky bloggers making jokes about how the gay community has kept the magazine afloat.

I had become bored of the speculation and news even before I had a chance to blog about it. But my trusty tipsters — The House of LeMay — emailed me this link from Queerty.com yesterday. Queerty asked former editor Colleen Kane to respond to the claim that "Only gay men like *Playgirl*." She says:

"I disagree that only gay men would ever want to look at pictures of naked men. This was a half-baked conjecture I heard over and over when I met new people and the subject of my job came up. To me it came off as a careless denial of women's sexuality: it was equivalent to saying that women don't fantasize."

Read more online.

Posted August 8 by Mistress Maeve

BLURT [STAFF BLOG]

Deceptively . . . Deceptive

If Blurt had a budget for contests, I would offer a prize to anyone who could answer the following question: What does the word "deceptively" actually mean? Even after using it so many times in various contexts, I am not quite certain.

Case in point: If you were to say that a given something was deceptively easy, does that mean it is in fact easy or not easy? And even if a dictionary authority were to provide an authentic-seeming answer, would that end the lingering doubt in the back of your mind? As the good folks at Cracked.com point out, even the American Heritage Dictionary isn't sure what to make of "deceptively."

"Deceptively," as it turns out, is one of "9 Words That Don't Mean What You Think," according to Cracked.com. Check it out — the list is funny and informative.

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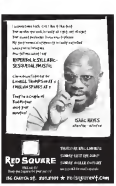
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PUBLIC HEALTH

Burlington Lead Program Struggles to Spend HUD Grant

BY MIKE IVES

Last November, Burlington received a $2.8 million federal grant to remove lead-based paint from 180 of the city's aging housing units. That's nearly twice as much as the city received five years ago for its first-ever lead-abatement project.

But despite newspaper advertisements and a direct-mail campaign targeting 400 area landlords whose tenants qualify for Section 8 rental vouchers, as of last week the Burlington Lead Program had completed just seven abatement jobs.

While two-dozen new lead-abatement contracts are currently "in the pipeline," Jeff Tanguay, coordinator of the Burlington Lead Program, worries that the city's most vulnerable residents aren't receiving the help they need. Failure to meet the goals of the grant, which comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, could also hurt the city's chances of securing future funding for lead abatement.

"We know that there's a problem, we have $2.8 million to deal with this problem, and we can't use it because people aren't applying," Tanguay said. "It's extremely frustrating."

In 2005, the U.S. Conference of Mayors ranked the city's lead program, which was created in 2003, among the best in the country. Burlington's lead program aims to reduce the health risks associated with lead poisoning in a city with the seventh-oldest housing stock in the United States (nearly half the units were built before 1950). Breathing air polluted with lead dust from soil and paint can cause permanent neurological damage in children, including learning disabilities and behavioral problems.

The HUD grant allows the city to loan landlords the projected cost of the abatement, which can average $16,000 to $22,000 for a house and $5000 to $8000 for an apartment. Landlords of single-family homes are eligible for a 50 percent debt reduction after 10 years, unless the property is sold before then; loans on Section 8 properties are completely forgiven after eight years.

Yet landlords have been reluctant to sign up for the city's program. Two Burlington landlords who manage both Section 8 and market-rate units offer divergent explanations.

Stu McGowan, an Old North End resident who owns many of the brightly colored residential buildings in that neighborhood, attributes landlords' lack of interest in lead abatement to "a fear of the unknown." Local awareness about lead has increased "tremendously" in recent years, McGowan notes. But, he added, landlords are often wary of government regulation and compliance requirements.

Landlord Bill Bissonette blames the lead program itself. He claims Burlington's Office of Community and Economic Development, which administers the lead program, has done a "piss poor job" of marketing it. Bissonette, who owns more than 200 housing units in Burlington, said he recognizes both the economic and safety benefits of lead abatement. But other landlords, he said, still don't understand how the program works. (Bissonette admitted he doesn't have any specific suggestions for how CEDO could reach more landlords.)

Lead experts have their own theories about the program's woes. Tanguay, the program coordinator, speculates that landlords are worried about incurring debt in uncertain economic times, no matter what the long-term benefits are.

Christine Finley, deputy commissioner for Public Health at the Vermont Department of Health, points out that Burlington's 4-year-old program is still relatively new.

"I know they've done a lot of awareness stuff," Finley said. Perhaps, she suggested, the program isn't "ingrained" enough in the public's consciousness to the point where landlords feel compelled to take advantage of it.

Last fall, the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board received $3 million to remove lead in 230 units across the state. Since 1995, VHCB's Lead Paint Hazard Abatement Program has rehabilitated more than 1250 Vermont homes and apartments.

The VHCB's Ron Rupp said tenants also inhibit lead abatement work. Since 2004, HUD has required tenants to prove that they meet certain income requirements before their landlords can qualify for lead abatement. But, Rupp said, tenants in private-sector housing are often reluctant to deal with the paperwork required to establish eligibility.

Since VHCB gets the bulk of its lead-abatement contracts through Vermont's nonprofit housing community, Rupp doesn't have trouble getting tenants to provide information — it's usually in their interests to comply, he said. Private-sector tenants, by contrast, "have some side benefits of getting a lead-safe apartment, but oftentimes, they don't understand, or they don't really care."

The Vermont Lead Law, passed in 1996, requires landlords to take steps to reduce children's exposure to lead in rental housing and to abide by "essential maintenance" practices. Landlords who fail to do so could be held liable under state and federal law.

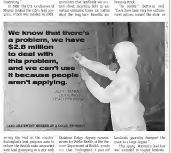
That would seem to provide additional motivation for landlords to take advantage of the city's lead abatement program. But Paul Dettman, executive director of the Burlington Housing Authority, said Vermont's poor record of enforcing its lead regulations has hurt the effort to rehabilitate the state's housing stock.

"In reality," Dettman said, "there have been very few enforcement actions around the state, so landlords generally disregard the issue to a large degree."

This spring, Vermont's lead law was amended to require landowners to provide lead-disclosure information before selling pre-1978 units. That's the year lead paint was banned in residential use. The Department of Health has also been working with the state's Attorney General's office to focus on enforcing lead regulations. Given those recent developments, Dettman, who is helping Tanguay market the Burlington Lead Program, hopes abatement will begin to look more attractive to Burlington landlords.

"I expect landlords would welcome the opportunity," he said, "to have someone pay to have most of the work done and reduce their liability." ⑦

For more information about the Burlington Lead Program, call 865-LEAD or email jtanguay@ci.burlington.vt.us.



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SHORT STACK

New York prison staffer suspended over inmate's 2004 death

In December 2004, as fellow inmates listened helplessly, a 19-year-old prison inmate at the Upstate Correctional Facility in Malone, N.Y., suffered repeated seizures on the floor of his cell for two days and two nights without receiving medical attention.

A state medical board later concluded that the inmate, a Mexican national named Christopher Campos, died because one of the prison's infirmary staff didn't understand his diagnosis and then denied him his prescribed medication.

Now, nearly four years later, the physician's assistant responsible for Campos' case, Louise Tichnor, has pleaded no contest to two charges of medical misconduct, including "gross negligence" and "gross incompetence." Tichnor has been suspended from the profession for three years and is also permanently barred from working in a correctional facility for the remainder of her career.

In a January 25, 2006, cover story, "Cruel and Unusual: Dying in Solitary in a New York Prison," *Seven Days* profiled the case of Campos, who was serving a 1-to-3-year sentence on felony assault charges. According to state records, he had a well-documented history of seizures dating back to the age of 6. In fact, during his brief incarceration, Campos had been a frequent patient at the Albany Medical Center.

According to a consent order filed several weeks ago with the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, Tichnor wrongly assumed that Campos' diagnosis, known as "pseudoseizures," meant "fake seizures" and thus denied him his anti-seizure medication.

At the time, a representative for the New York State Department of Correctional Services described the case as "tragic and unfortunate," but also as an isolated incident.

Plattsburgh-based Prisoners' Legal Services of New York, which first learned of the incident, says the Campos tragedy highlights similar shortcomings in the level of medical services provided in the New York correctional system, including the severe shortage of Spanish-speaking medical staff.

KEN PICARD

Vox Completes Purchase of Clear Channel Stations

After nearly eight months of negotiations and regulatory review, Vox Communications Group has completed the purchase of seven Vermont radio stations from media conglomerate Clear Channel.

The $11 million deal, which closed July 25, includes four Burlington-area stations — Star WEZF-FM 92.9; Kiss WVTK-FM 92.1; Champ WCPV-FM 101.3; and WXZO-FM 96.7.

First announced in January, the purchase reunites Ken Barlow of South Burlington with WCPV, which he launched in the 1990s. Barlow's Dynacomm group sold the station, along with WXPS (now WXZO), to Capstar Radio in 1999.

"It's like coming full circle," said Barlow, who helped form Vox Communications, which has offices in South Burlington, in 2005. "I guess you can go home again." The company's corporate headquarters are in Wellesley, Massachusetts.

Barlow said there are no significant format changes in the works for any of the stations Vox has purchased, although listeners may have already noticed the new ownership's renewed focus on local affairs. Last week, for instance, the group's stations broadcast the Williston Little League All Stars' play in the New England Regional tournament.

"We got out there quick and just did it," Barlow said. "I don't think the guys ahead of us would have thought to do that."

Barlow also acknowledged that Vox will start looking at programming options to replace the popular "Corm and the Coach" show, which aired Monday through Friday, 5 to 9 a.m., on Champ 101.3 and 102.1 in Randolph. Co-host Tom Brennan, the former University of Vermont men's basketball coach, retired in July.

The Vox deal is part of Clear Channel's transformation from a publicly traded conglomerate to private ownership. In late 2006, Clear Channel announced that 448 radio stations in 88 smaller markets were for sale. Six months later, more than 160 stations were sold to a private equity firm for $331 million. The company also sold 56 television stations.

At one point, it looked as if Clear Channel had agreed to sell several of its Vermont stations to Florida-based Good Radio TV, but the deal was never completed.

Barlow said the stations' advertisers seem pleased that the Vermont stations are once again locally owned.

"I think people appreciate the fact that we're calling the shots right here," he said. "I think they realize we'll work a little harder for their business. One of the good things about being locally owned is that we can really build those relationships."

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CRIME

Rape Crisis Center Hopes Educating Men Will Reduce Sexual Violence

BY KEVIN J. KELLEY

The number of sex-crime victims and their supporters who sought help at the Woman's Rape Crisis Center increased 25 percent last fiscal year, according to figures released Monday by the center.

Between July 2007 and June 2008, the center received an average of six calls a day from sexual-violence victims and their family and friends. That's a 20 percent increase in the past five years, said Cathleen Wilson, the center's executive director.

While Wilson called the increase in calls "dramatic," she suggested the numbers represent a "slowly improving" climate in which victims are less likely to be stigmatized or blamed for the attacks. She added that, because of a couple of high-profile court cases in recent years — including the conviction of Brian Rooney in the rape and murder of University of Vermont student Michelle Gardner-Quinn — victims may be showing a greater willingness to come forward.

"I think it's a matter of more awareness rather than more violence," she said. "It's no surprise that those situations would have encouraged more people to reach out for services."

Now Wilson said the time has come to put more emphasis on preventing sexual violence in the first place. And that begins with educating men about the root causes of male violence against women. "We have to find out how more men can become allies and address other men's behavior," Wilson said. "The future of the movement lies in this direction."

To that end, Wilson has added a male outreach worker to the center's staff, which previously consisted of 14 women. The new staffer, Oliver Barkley, is a UVM medical student from Virginia, where he'd been a teacher in prisons and inner-city schools. "I dealt with a lot of tough guys," he noted.

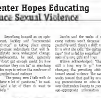
Barkley, whose position is part time, leads males-only group discussions, including at UVM fraternity houses, that are intended to cultivate "positive masculinity." Students are encouraged to "explore within themselves their families, their communities," with the goal of better understanding the nature of violence against women, he explained.

Describing himself as an optimist, Barkley said "incremental change" is taking place among younger individuals that will facilitate more widespread change. Adolescents, he said, generally "don't get enough credit for how mature they can be" in searching for ways to reduce the incidence of gender-based violence.

"The young men I talk with do have a lot of questions," he said. "And a lot of them do want to help."

Jacobs said the ranks of sex-crime victims won't decrease appreciably until there's a shift away from what she calls "the culture of rape" that is fed by sexualized images of young girls and boys.

Wilson acknowledged, "there's still a long way to go" toward changing the prevailing attitude toward sexual violence. The center works toward that goal by arranging presentations in schools all over Chittenden County to present age-appropriate information on



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> CATHLEEN WILSON, WRCC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

rape, assault, stalking and sexual harassment. More than 17,500 people took part in the center's educational events in the past year.

Barkley said his job — "the best I've ever had" — has changed him. "I've come to be much more aware of male privilege and dominance in our society," he said.

Genevieve Jacobs, a former director of the crisis center, agreed that reaching out to men is one key to reducing sexual violence against women, as well as against younger males. Indeed, about 15 percent of the rape center's 522 clients last year were male — a figure Jacobs suspects represents only a small part of the problem. "Much of it goes unreported," she noted.

With time, Wilson hopes she'll hear fewer of the type of comments expressed at public meetings held in response to Gardner-Quinn's rape and murder in 2006. Those hearings, she said, suggest that too many people still tend to blame the victims of sexual violence.

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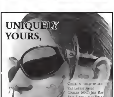
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Governor's Race Heats Up Summer

It's August, the time when many Vermonters pack up and hit the road to enjoy what's left of summer.

Undaunted by a tanking economy and near $4-per-gallon gas, my family headed to Acadia National Park for a weeklong camping trip. Early August on Mount Desert Island usually means sun and lots of it. But the coast of Maine has been hit with the same rainy weather that Vermont has. Still, we managed to soak up a few rays between the raindrops.

In between drying off after hiking, tide-pool exploring and hanging out at the island's sandy beach, I had a chance to catch up on my summer reading.

I plowed through **Michael Pollan**'s *In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto*, a quick read about how our sense of "good food" has been corrupted by scientists and nutritionists. I followed up with **Kurt Vonnegut**'s *Armageddon in Retrospect*, a posthumous collection of essays on war and peace based on Vonnegut's own experiences as a prisoner of war during World War II. Vonnegut thought the invasion of Iraq was a big mistake and it weighed on him mightily, according to the book's introduction by his son, **Mark Vonnegut**.

I also had a chance to dart through **Neil Gaiman**'s eerie and peculiar children's tale *Coraline*. I've been a Gaiman fan since his *Sandman* days, and he's always good for an unnerving read.

Douglas' campaign manager called on Symington to pledge not to use her family's undisclosed wealth to finance her campaign until she, well, discloses it.

I forgot to pack my summertime favorite, *VALIS*, by **Philip K. Dick**, which I usually read every year. But with the rain continuing to fall, something tells me I'll still have time to get to it.

But, hey, enough about me. What'd I miss when I was away?

Vermont Yankee — Apparently, nothing broke down at the state's lone nuclear power plant last week, which is itself news these days. And the legislative oversight panel empowered to make sure the plant is reliable to operate another 20 years is no closer to doing its job, thanks to Gov. **Jim Douglas**' Department of Public Service.

Kind of like suiting up for the game and being seated in the bleachers.

Governor's Race — House Speaker and Democratic gubernatorial candidate **Gaye Symington** released a radio ad! OK, not such a big deal.

Progressive-turned-Independent **Anthony Pollina** is still in the race, which is news given his dismal fundraising, the hobbling Vermont Milk Company he abandoned and the general malaise he's imported upon the old "unite the left" brigade.

Douglas managed to avoid any major criticism, although the judiciary hearing focusing on his Corrections Department's decision to let **Michael Jacques** — the man accused of kidnapping 12-year-old **Brooke Bennett**, later found dead — off probation made clear the case represents a combined failure of tragic proportions.

More Layers in Winooski — I told you it would be a long, hot summer in Winooski.

Three City Council members (the other two refused to go into a closed-door executive session) voted to launch an investigation of City Manager **Joshua Handverger**, who only a week earlier had barely hung onto his job by a 3-2 council vote. The councilors believe Handverger may be creating a hostile work environment for some city employees.

The embattled manager recently overruled a suspension of Police Detective **Jason Nokes**, a union steward who testified against his boss, Chief **Steve McQueen**, during public hearings held earlier this year. In emails with Nokes, Handverger disparaged McQueen (shocking!). McQueen took similar actions against a police officer who raised complaints about the chief back in 2003. The officer ended up filing two unfair labor practice claims against Winooski.

So much for this tiresome flap going away. Instead, Winooski appears doomed to repeat the past.

Full Disclosure — Politics never takes a holiday, but the good thing for politicians is that much of the public does on occasion.

News that can cripple a campaign in the fall tends to get less attention in the summer. Still, campaigns like to take every opportunity to see what will stick against an opponent.

Enter the tiny matter of Vermont's gubernatorial candidates releasing their personal financial information, including shared assets and tax returns.

Republican incumbent Douglas listed about $2 million in assets he shares with his wife — cars, houses, retirement accounts, etc. — while Independent Pollina listed $656,000 in shared assets. Both reported six-figure investment and

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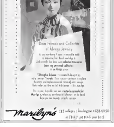

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retirement accounts, and both reported receiving federal tax refunds in 2007. Pollina got back more than $2500, while Douglas netted $614.

Neither gave to the presidential election fund. (Funny, I thought Pollina supported the public financing of elections.)

Symington's release has confounded her opponents and the media. She released "pro forma" tax returns (that is, returns that merely looked like real ones) along with a cover sheet that shows her share of various assets at $373,222.

Absent from the documents were the assets of her husband, **Chuck Lacy**, a former president and CEO at Ben & Jerry's. Lacy is now the president of the $5-plus million Barred Rock Fund, a nonprofit venture firm he and **Ben Cohen** started. According to the fund's 990 tax forms from 2002-04, Lacy took in roughly $100K a year as the organization's president.

Lacy moved his family to Vermont to run Cohen and **Jerry Greenfield**'s legendary ice cream company, earning a six-figure salary (about $150,000, since they capped the top executive pay at the time), and plenty of stock options. Lacy led the company when it was privately held and raking in $150 million a year.

Everyone knows that he — along with other top execs at Ben & Jerry's who left after Unilever took over — walked away with cold cash and a lifetime supply of ice cream.

But instead of his business acumen or the wealth he's probably shared with Symington and their kids, the current story has become all about Lacy's absence, and his money, from the asset-reporting picture.

On Monday, Douglas campaign manager **Dennise Casey** called on Symington to pledge not to use her family's undisclosed wealth to finance her campaign until she "well" discloses it. "Speaker Symington has chosen to hide information about her assets and financial dealings using made-up tax documents meant to deceive Vermonters," Casey said in a statement. "Until she comes clean with a complete financial disclosure, she should pledge not to use that money to fund her campaign."

Casey's got one thing right — the documents Symington released are a joke. They raise more questions than they answer, and she should clear the air sooner rather than later.

She's constantly said she's the one running for public office, not her husband. True enough. She could have released a joint statement of assets and not released the tax documents to protect Lacy's privacy. As it is, it's never good in politics when you look as if you're hiding something.

It's amusing to see a big deal being made out of Lacy's perceived wealth. Quite frankly, if the guy's done that well, he may be a good influence on her in terms of jump-starting the economy.

The GOP may want to be careful with this meme, though. In 2006, Lt. Gov. **Brian Dubie** flatly refused to divulge his finances. Democratic challenger **Matt Dunne** urged Dubie to follow the Douglas standard, and he would do the same. No dice. That same year, **Rich Tarrant**, the GOP's candidate in the 2006 U.S. Senate race, so the story went, embodied the entrepreneurial spirit needed in politics, rather than the stale beliefs of a lifelong politician who had never held a "real" job, as symbolized by then-Rep. **Bernie Sanders**.

So, which of the candidates running for governor has been suckling at the public teat for 30-plus years and has never held a private-sector job or had to make payroll?

Answer: the incumbent.

Douglas, The Most Vulnerable Republican — *Human Events* touts itself as former Pres. **Ronald Reagan**'s "favorite newspaper" (we're guessing they mean when the Gipper was alive and cogent). The conservative rag also believes the gubernatorial race in Vermont is among the nation's most exciting.

In a recent rundown of the tight races around the country, here's what *Human Events* had to say about Vermont: "Gov. Jim Douglas (R) may have been the Republican rooting hardest for Sen. **Hillary Clinton** (D) in the presidential primaries. This liberal-filled state will likely see record high turnout this November thanks to Obama's presence on the ballot. This will help State House Speaker **Gaye Symington** (D)."

Dubbing the race "Leaning Republican Retention," the mag noted how Pollina's entrance into the race would benefit Douglas, but still felt compelled to call him "perhaps the most vulnerable incumbent governor in 2008."

Only *leaning*? Yikes. Maybe

Pollina can rouse a crowd, but it's mostly the Kool-Aid drinkers and a few converts. Let's face it: he's no Bernie . . .

they've seen poll numbers we haven't.

No one's leaked any poll numbers yet, but according to what we've heard through the grapevine, a poll earlier this summer had Pollina in the single digits, Symington in the high 30s (holding the Democratic base, but not too well known beyond that), and Douglas in the 50s, but vulnerable on some key issues.

Of course, being vulnerable on key Democratic issues has never stopped Douglas from getting re-elected. What he does right is not make mistakes — not big ones and not the little ones that can snowball. It's hard to catch his crew fucking up in the way that loses voter trust.

Still, Douglas takes few risks and doesn't lead from the head of the pack. Symington hopes to capitalize on that weakness, and a flagging economy, to bring home the Democratic and independent flocks that roosted with Douglas after Dean fled the coop.

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And Bernie is now very much part of the *Democratic* establishment, stumping for the party's presidential candidate and speaking at award dinners. How times have changed for the man who bounced Burlington Democrats *out* of City Hall and helped usher in the era of Progressive politics.

Who's Least Like Bush? — Speaking of Sen. Sanders, *CQ* issued its annual rankings on which members of Congress most voted with Pres. **George W. Bush**. It should come as no surprise that Vermont's delegation ranked pretty low overall.

Out of 97 votes in the Senate in which the president took a position, Sanders only voted with Bush 33 percent of the time — right near the bottom (or top, if you prefer) of his class. Sen. **Patrick Leahy**, a Democrat, voted with Bush 35 percent of the time, while Rep. **Peter Welch** voted with the president just 5 percent of the time.

The presumptive Democratic nominee for president, Sen. **Barack Obama** (D-Ill.), voted with Bush 40 percent of the time in 2007, down from 49 percent in 2006. So much for Sen. **John McCain**'s claim that Obama votes to the *left* of Sanders.

As for McCain, according to *CQ*, the Republican from Arizona voted with Bush 95 percent of the time in 2007 — up from 89 percent in 2006.

What a maverick.

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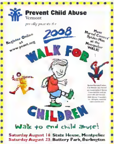
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THEATER

Outdoors, the Bard Plays Bigger

BY ELISABETH CREAN

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Outdoor performances of Shakespeare are a favorite summer ritual for both actors and audiences. But why would New York City-based thespians trek north to put on plays in the Champlain Islands? For Jena Necrason and John Nagle, founders of the **Vermont Shakespeare Company**, the productions are not an excuse for warm-weather lakeside idylls. Rather, they serve as a beachhead for an eventual relocation to the Green Mountains and plans to bring the Bard to Vermonters, especially schoolchildren, in a more comprehensive way.

This weekend, the married couple's merry band stages *The Comedy of Errors*, a pun-filled farce about mistaken identity, at Knight Point State Park in North Hero. Six cast members are traveling with them from New York. Three Vermonters join the ensemble: local stage veterans **Mark Roberts**, **Ruth Wallman** and **Rob Nunez**. Nagle directs and Necrason — who has acted in previous VSC shows — handles movement direction, choreographing the performers' physical action.

As co-producers, both Nagle and Necrason also manage a bevy of other tasks, assisted by a crew of local volunteers, including the nitty-gritty of prepping the performance site. Weed whacking? The 4-year-old VSC is "a do-it-all-yourself organization," Necrason jokes. But it has received impressive local support in its brief history from Grand Isle County organizations (**Island Arts** and the **Lake Champlain Chamber of Commerce**) as well as the **Vermont Arts Council** and the **State Department of Parks and Recreation**.

Knight Point's Islands Center is a spacious grassy area backed by a semicircle of trees, with bleacher seating. In previous years the VSC mounted *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Twelfth Night*. Both productions made inventive use of the *place as venue*.

Necrason and Nagle see several advantages to staging Shakespeare outdoors. "Shakespeare has very big ideas in his works. In some ways it's hard for a theater to contain that," Nagle reflects. In the playwright's own time, "His work was done in open air to audiences that were crying and screaming and yelling. It wasn't the quiet theater we have today."

The condensed time frame of *The Comedy of Errors* also makes being outside a plus in Necrason's view. "All of that big comic action has more space to play out. The energy of that can really be thrust forward and up and out. And because we've got the woods, we are able to really use the sense of a long entrance, which you might not be able to see in a theater. You can see an actor coming on from 20 feet in the woods, and that's really neat."

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> JENA NECRASON, VT SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

Nagle's direction incorporates a lot of direct address to the audience, as there was in Shakespeare's time. "I think it really allows the audience right off the bat to be a part of the action, and to feel 'I'm included in this world,'" he explains. This approach is especially effective in engaging the children who attend. VSC doesn't charge admission for kids under 12, and previous productions have seen families with 5-year-olds in tow. Kids also like the physicality of VSC's style, Necrason says.

Drawing in youngsters is a major part of the troupe's mission. "To look out at the audience and see a 6-year-old engaged by Shakespeare, it's really powerful," Necrason explains. "That could be the beginning of something really special for them." In her work teaching theater, "I run into teenagers that really have an aversion to Shakespeare. And it breaks my heart, because I think, 'This is so beautiful and gorgeous, and someone needs to do this right for you.'"

The couple did Shakespeare workshops with Grand Isle County schoolchildren in 2006, and with experienced Vermont actors in 2007. A projected business model that would allow them to resettle in Vermont — near Necrason's Alburgh family — includes running educational programs as well as an expanded summer festival. Both currently teach at New York's Stella Adler Studio of Acting. One idea they are pursuing: bringing some of Adler's inner-city outreach students up to the Islands for a theater program with Grand Isle County kids.

Whatever the future holds, Shakespeare is central to the couple, who met in a production of *Richard III*. "We both have a passion for it. It's literally what brought us together," Necrason says with a smile.

The Comedy of Errors, directed by John Nagle and produced by the Vermont Shakespeare Company. Knight Point State Park, North Hero. August 14-17, 6 p.m. $20. www.vermontshakespeare.org

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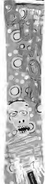
ART

Burton and Artist Mikey Welsh Team Up on New Snowboards

BY PAMELA POLSTON

Mention the word "Burton," and "snowboard" is bound to follow. The Vermont-based company is world-renowned and virtually synonymous with the sport. Burton has also long been notable for its cutting-edge graphics. A new line of snowboards this year proves the point. But behind the high-tech craftsmanship is a little old-school cut-and-paste.

Images from paintings by Burlington rock star turned artist **Mikey Welsh** distinguish the "Farm" series, and the name does not refer to Vermont's bucolic scenery. Instead, think "farm team." That's because the freestyle board, which comes in four sizes, was developed with input from an up-and-coming group of riders, says Burton senior designer **Dennis Healy**, 38. So rather than silos, barns and cows, the boards are splattered with Welsh's distinctive art-brut figures and primitive, vividly colored patterning over a black background. "I think there's one Technicolor cow in one of them, but it wasn't on purpose," Welsh allows.



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And the cut-and-paste? Healy explains: Last year, Burton bought the image rights to five of Welsh's paintings and procured high-resolution photographs of them. Then he and Welsh sat together in front of a computer for several weeks, selecting favorite details from the paintings that would end up rather collage-like on the boards. The cyber-magic — extracting the elements from the photographic images — was performed by some friends in New York Healy dubs "PhotoShop wizards," at a company with the whimsical name of Dippin Sauce LLC.

His "100 percent collaboration" with Welsh "was probably the most fun I've ever had working on a board," Healy notes. The two became good friends in the process. And perhaps it was only natural that Welsh, who had never snowboarded in his 37 years, finally took to the slopes. Healy, a 20-year veteran of the sport, says the artist was "glowing" after his first foray. Welsh recalls, "Yes, everything was sore, but it was fun."

Another less bumptious collaboration — with fellow Burlington artist **Clark Derbes** — will result in a shared exhibit at **Pursuit Gallery** next month, opening during the South End Art Hop. Expect some wildly decorated refrigerator doors, not to mention some new Mikey merch. "I'm going to have T-shirts for sale," Welsh reveals, "with characters from my paintings." For the Farm boards, though, see burton.com or the Burlington store. ⑦

VIGNETTES

On YouTube, tens of thousands of hits in a day gets you lots of comments from snarky teenagers. In the Climate Matters Video Contest sponsored by Middlebury environmental startup **Brighter Planet**, that level of attention could give some lucky filmmakers the chance to influence U.S. environmental policy in years to come.

Right now, Brighter Planet is inviting the public to post 30- or 60-second original eco-themed films on video-sharing site Vimeo.com. The 10 videos with the most views per day will be shown to a panel of notable judges, ranging from **Bill Stetson** of the **Vermont Film Commission** to *Dark Knight* star Maggie Gyllenhaal. Brighter Planet — teaming up for this project with national environmental campaign 1Sky — plans to present all 10 clips to both presidential candidates and other lawmakers at a D.C. event in October. The first-prize winner, chosen by the panel, gets a $3000 Visa Gift Card from Brighter Planet. (Founded by Middlebury prof **Jon Isham** and two of his students in 2006, the company offers consumers a Bank of America card that buys carbon credits with each purchase.)

The goal of the contest is to "give Americans everywhere the opportunity to inspire our next president to take bold climate action," according to a Brighter Planet press release. Online rules specify that the filmmaker can't campaign for anyone in particular: "The content of the video must relate to climate change and not to the support of or opposition to any candidate ..." They are, however, encouraged to promote their vids to potential viewers and drive traffic to the site.

The submission period ends on September 22 at 5 p.m. For info and rules, check out www.vimeo.com/climatematters.

By now, plenty of Vermonters of all ages know Po, the corpulent bear who dreams of fighting like Jet Li in *Kung Fu Panda*. On Sunday, August 17, some of them will get to meet the 37-year-old director who co-helmed the DreamWorks computer-animated hit. Turns out **Mark Osborne** is a native of Woodstock, where he'll speak at a special 4 p.m. screening at Town Hall Theatre, hosted by **Pentangle Council on the Arts**.

Osborne lived in town from about ages 4 to 14, and his family still makes Green Mountain pilgrimages every summer, says Pentangle Executive Director **Partridge Boswell**, who knows the filmmaker's relatives through his own in-laws: "small-town connection, that sort of thing." When he heard about *Kung Fu Panda*, he contacted Osborne through the director's mother and arranged a four-day visit. "They were so busy they were going to forgo their annual Vermont trip, but we twisted his arm."

Before directing *Panda*, which has grossed $211 million since its June 6 release, Osborne made animated and live-action shorts, including the Oscar-nominated *More*. He also directed a couple of episodes of "SpongeBob SquarePants," where his brother Kent has worked as a staff writer.

Osborne will introduce the flick and answer questions afterward, says Boswell, adding, "I'm very curious to know what else he's working on now." A sequel to *Panda* is reportedly already in the works.

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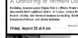

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BY ROLAND SWEET

NEWS ITEMS FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE ODD, STRANGE, CURIOUS AND WEIRD BUT TRUE

Curses, Foiled Again Police in Troy, Wis., identified Paul Crowell, 22, as the one who stole a Taser from a patrol car after he posted a video online showing him and his father, Paul Dupey, shocking each other with the stolen weapon. Crowell, who pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two years in jail, showed the video to a girl, who reported it to police.

• When Agustin De Jesus, 47, heard a prowler in his restaurant in Lutz, Fla., he spotted a pickup truck idling behind the restaurant, hopped in and drove off to find help. Moments later, the Pasco County Sheriff's Office received a call from Leonard Levy, 55, that his pickup truck had been stolen from the restaurant. Then De Jesus called to report the burglary. When he returned to identify the burglar, sheriff's official Doug Tobin said Levy announced, "Well, that's the guy who stole my truck." Deputies ignored De Jesus and arrested Levy.

• Police in Kingston, Pa., arrested a 21-year-old woman they said robbed Harry Kopenis after he withdrew $100 from an automated teller machine. Kopenis, 71, thwarted the suspect's getaway when a neighbor in an electric wheelchair, Kevin Lamb, helped him chase her down.

Drunk and Drunker Jennifer A. Gehringer, 25, won't be charged in the death of a high school teacher, even though she was drunk when her car struck and killed him as he walked along a dark road around 2 a.m., because he was also drunk. Lehigh County, Pa., District Attorney James Martin said Gehringer could not have avoided hitting John S. Tiggas, 50, when he suddenly stepped in front of her, even if she had been sober.

Mainstreaming When the Council of the Isles of Scilly, located off the southwestern tip of Great Britain, advertised for an air traffic controller to help guide aircraft safely into the hilltop airport on St. Mary's, the application advised applicants, "If you require this document in an alternative language, in larger text, Braille, easy read or in an audio format, please contact the Community Relations Office." Acknowledging the wording has attracted ridicule, Ken Jones, the controller of Radio Scilly, said, "It would certainly be something for Scilly to have the world's first blind air traffic controller."

• A Finnish theater group staged the world's first "deaf opera," where singers use sign language instead of voices. Unlike sung opera where interpreters sign on the side of the stage, performers at Theatre Totti, located on Finland's Aland Islands, sign rather than sing and use body language and facial expressions for emphasis and nuance. For this summer's engagement of 19th century Finnish composer Fredrik Pacius' *The Hunt of King Charles*, two musicians provided the score for the hearing, and surtitles aided those unable to understand the signed libretto. "Usually when you go to the theater, the show itself is the message," signer Kolbrun Vallonketta, who performed the soprano role of Leena the fisherwoman, told Reuters news agency. "In this case, the most important message was to show that deaf people can do opera."

End of an Error President George W. Bush ended a summit meeting of leaders of the world's richest nations in July by joking, "Goodbye from the world's biggest polluter." *The Telegraph* reported that Bush, whom some have condemned for failing to tackle climate change, then punched the air with his fist while grinning widely "as the rest of those present, including Gordon Brown and Nicolas Sarkozy, looked on in shock." The British paper added that Bush met more criticism after a White House press kit distributed at the G8 summit in Japan described Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi as one of the "most controversial leaders in the history of a country known for government corruption and vice." The White House apologized for what it called "sloppy work," explaining an official had lifted the characterization from the Internet without reading it.

Irony of the Week Firefighters responding to a vehicle fire in Lancaster Township, Pa., found the engine of a box truck engulfed in flames. The truck was loaded with fire extinguishers and other firefighting equipment. Driver Jerry Lefever told Lancaster's *Intelligencer Journal* the cab of his truck was a total loss, but the cargo, including at least eight fire extinguishers, was not damaged.

Jaws Junior Sam Hawthorne, 14, was bitten in the face by a shark — in his own bedroom. Describing the incident in England's West Midlands as "something out of a horror film," Susan Hawthorne told *Metro UK* her son sleepwalked into a long-dead souvenir shark hanging on the wall of his nautical-themed room. Although the shark was embedded in the boy's cheek for about 15 minutes, causing a lot of pain and blood, he escaped with just a small scar.

It Pays to Go Indian authorities began paying residents of Musiri, a remote town in Tamil Nadu state, about a dollar a month to use public urinals instead of going in the street. *The Times of India* reported the program is aimed at promoting hygiene and research in rural areas, where basic sanitation eludes millions. "In fact," truck cleaner S. Rajasekaran said, "many of us started using toilets for urination only after the ecosan (ecological sanitation) toilets were constructed in the area." The state's agricultural university is also collecting the urine to test its efficacy as a crop fertilizer.

Medical Plan from Hell A lawsuit filed by the mother of Tracy Gates, who suffered from a rare lung disease and died at age 43 after receiving a lung transplant, accuses the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and several doctors there of giving Gates a smoker's cancerous lungs. The $5 million suit said the donor was a 31-year-old pack-a-day smoker, whose family told the hospital where she died that she drank alcohol and may have used illegal drugs.

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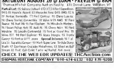
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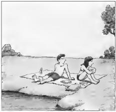

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the straight dope BY CECIL ADAMS

ALL WORTHWHILE HUMAN KNOWLEDGE

Dear Cecil,
We've all seen it in a movie: A small group of people are swimming in the sea. Someone gets hurt, blood touches water, and instantly sharks appear who then devour the party in a ruthless and very painful way. But how fast does the odor or taste of blood go in water? Am I right to believe that it takes a while for a shark a mile away to taste it?
David, Belgium

I'll confess I haven't seen a lot of Belgian shark movies, David, but virtually any Hollywood studio exec would see a major problem with the treatment you've outlined above. If the shark shows up the second the hemoglobin hits the water, where's the unbearable tension? What we're missing is that excruciating interval of stillness between the close-up of slowly seeping blood and the moment the here-comes-the-shark music kicks in. You're right, though, to suspect that this interval does tend to run a little shorter on the big screen than in real life.

As you probably know already, sharks are pretty well suited to this whole predation thing. They have excellent hearing in the low frequencies and can pick out the sound of something thrashing around in the water well over 1,000 feet away. They're also outfitted with sensory cavities called the ampullae of Lorenzini, which register the faint electrical fields generated by living bodies.

And then there's the shark's sense of smell, which, though not quite as phenomenal as was once believed (you used to see a stat claiming that 70 percent of a shark's brain was devoted to olfaction, which seems to have been a real overstatement), is still plenty acute: Sharks can detect some chemicals at concentrations of around one part per 25 million, and experts claim they've seen sharks go nuts over a single drop of blood in a 2,000-gallon tank. (Catfish, for the record, can detect chemical concentrations measured in parts per billion, making it a good thing they're not prone to bite your leg off.)

A chemical (and for our purposes, blood) disperses in water via diffusion and mixing. Diffusion is a random and relatively slow process by which a concentrated group of molecules drifts apart, and in still water that's the main way an odor would spread. But the ocean isn't still, and so the primary determinants for how scents travel through seawater are the churning of waves and the flow of currents. For this reason, a shark's standard response upon smelling something yummy is to swim into the prevailing current, as that will likely lead to the source; often it'll home in by swimming in a series of decreasing spirals. The upshot is that while a shark would likely have to catch some breaks, dispersal-wise, to identify the scent of blood a mile away from ground zero, at a distance of a quarter mile it's got a decent shot at picking up some dinner.

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OK, so: You and your pals are out in the ocean, bleeding away; the prevailing tidal current is somewhere around 1 meter per second, or 2.24 miles per hour. If a shark is upcurrent from you, it might take a while for the pertinent molecules to drift into its range. But if the shark happens to be fortuitously positioned a quarter mile downcurrent, the scent of blood could find its nostrils in a little under 7 minutes. Mako sharks have been clocked swimming at 24.5 mph, so conceivably if our specimen got a particularly good read it might take only a minute or so to locate you, giving us roughly an 8-minute gap between blood entering the water and shark cruising up with a bib on. It'd take an admirable commitment to the principles of cinema verite to spend that kind of screen time waiting for the shark to happen along.

Let's say, though, just for fun, that you and the shark happened to be hanging around the Skookumchuck Narrows on the coast of British Columbia, where tidal currents can reach 16 mph. (We'll ignore the fact that the raging waters themselves would have a fine chance of doing you in.) Here a shark situated a quarter mile downcurrent might catch a whiff a mere minute after you started bleeding; if it kept the spiraling business to a minimum and swam in something like a beeline back to the source (fighting the current all the way, remember) it might arrive on the scene in under 2 minutes, for a turnaround time of less than 3 minutes total. While that's not quite lightning-fast by shark movie standards, (a) it's getting close, and (b) I'll hazard a guess that three minutes goes by pretty quickly when you're bleeding and you suspect a shark might be on its way.

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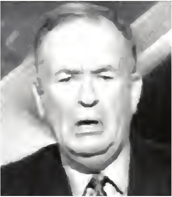
Cruel and Unusual



Hysteria," said Elia Kazan, "is inflamed by mystery, suspicion and secrecy. Hard and exact facts will cool it." Kazan was wrong about a lot of things — for instance, his decision to inflame anti-communist hysteria by naming names of alleged pinkos during McCarthy's Hollywood inquisitions. But he was *really* wrong about this.

I came to this insight painfully, having spent almost three decades carrying buckets of facts to try to quell America's blazing sex panic. But as I witness the latest flare-up of panic in Vermont, I conclude: Facts have nothing to do with it.

Hysteria is often catalyzed by a gothy event — this time the kidnapping of 12-year-old Brooke Bennett, allegedly by her 42-year-old uncle Michael Jacques. (So far he has not been charged with the girl's apparent murder.) The event is then sensationalized by the press — this time, rumors of an Internet "child sex ring" that turned out to be Jacques' ruse to hoodwink the police. The heat of sex fans the hysteria, which needs no further proof that its object is real (we don't know yet if Jacques raped Brooke, either). Emotion fuels emotion. Reason and rights are thrown on the bonfire, surrogates of the offenders themselves.

Often the catalyzing crime is not preventable or predictable. But mistakes are nevertheless investigated, fingers pointed. Blame is turned to political advantage. In Vermont, Governor Jim Douglas stumps as the tough-on-crime candidate. With his Fox confederate Bill O'Reilly slavering from afar, he flogs Jessica's Law, a vastly expanded sex-offender registry, civil commitment, chemical castration and the death penalty.

Barre passes the first sex-offender residency restrictions, barring former offenders from living within 1000 feet of a school or park — three-quarters of the city. A week later, Rutland Mayor Christopher Louras allows that he hasn't conducted any research into the efficacy of such laws, but calls for the same ordinance in his city.

In Rutland as in Barre, the aldermen pass the ordinance unanimously. The police, the administration and the people cheer. One Barre resident proposes to the TV camera that the accused be exiled to their own childless "mini-state."

Not to let an opportunity pass, Attorney General William Sorrell and the state's attorneys pull out their wish list of measures stacking the criminal justice system in the prosecution's favor. The five-point package contains a rule allowing the defendant's prior convictions into court as evidence. Another prohibits defense attorneys from deposing the accuser before the trial. Bennington County State's Attorney Erica Marthage explains the latter: The process is so unpleasant that the "victim" sometimes backs out, and the case must be dropped. The prosecutors also want police to collect DNA samples from every arrestee and keep the samples for good, even if the person is let go without charges.

The Senate Judiciary Committee launches a series of six public hearings on sex-crime fighting. Chairman Dick Sears, a Democrat, hints that he is amenable to the prosecutors' proposals. Committee members voice no concerns that the rules changes eviscerate the Constitution's Sixth Amendment guarantees of a fair trial "by an impartial jury" and the right "to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation." Presented with past bad acts, juries tend to conclude that the guy committed this one, too. And without a pre-trial deposition, the defense attorney can't gather the information to prepare a case, uncover inconsistencies in the accuser's story — or, hearing credible claims, counsel a client to plead to a lesser charge.

The committee is mum on the specter of local police deciding to draw blood from the arms of anybody they pick up. Only the ACLU expresses alarm at the state holding an archive of the bodily codes of its citizens, guilty or innocent.

As the flames of hysteria leap higher, opponents schlep facts to the conflagration. Victims' rights advocates warn that residency bans send offenders underground, away from crime-preventive social life and surveillance. They point out that keeping offenders away from playgrounds does nothing to stop the vast majority of child abuse, which is perpetrated by the family and friends of the victims. Twenty-five-year minimum sentences like those in Jessica's Law, they note, may prevent victims from coming forward: No matter what Daddy did, it is the rare child who wants to be responsible for sending him up the river forever. Some prosecutors warn that mandatory minima deprive the state of the plea bargain, crucial to getting convictions in cases that are rife with reasonable doubt.

Vermont ACLU Executive Director Allen Gilbert sums up the opposition's argument to the latest wave of sex-crimes bills: "The problem … is that there's absolutely no evidence they work."

But Gilbert is looking for evidence in the wrong places. We aren't talking about practical public-policy solutions to realistically assessed problems. Vermont is not in the grip of a sex-crime wave. The Department of Corrections keeps close tabs on released prisoners. Recidivism of sex offenders is low. Crimes like Jacques', thankfully, are ghastly aberrations, so rare as to be statistically almost nonexistent.

Instead, we are talking about perceived perils and heightened emotion. Laws born in hysteria are *symbolic* instruments fashioned in response to confusion, anxiety, terror and rage. They are crafted because the inexplicable demands explanation. It demands that *something* be done.

The label "predator" — even the more neutral "sex offender" — provides both explanation and a signpost to action. It tells us why Brooke died: because Jacques is *that* kind of creature. It informs us of what to do: hunt the creature down, cage it, mutilate it, kill it.

At best, such laws calm a restive public. At worst, they make the public crazier. But a grateful public or a vengeful public — both are politically useful.

The laws, in other words, work brilliantly.

Friends tell me not to worry. Vermont is a rational place, a smart place, a place that eventually finds a moderate solution. As Speaker of the House Gaye Symington held off civil commitment. House Judiciary Committee Chair Bill Lippert has stood staunchly in the face of Bill O'Reilly's vilification. Vermont still doesn't have capital punishment.

But relentless calls for extreme penalties for sex offenders wear down resistance.

In response to the governor's goading, now-Democratic gubernatorial candidate Symington has vowed that, if elected, she will launch a "thoughtful review" of state sex-crimes laws. What is left to review? On her watch, the Democratic majority substantially increased prison sentences for all levels of sex crimes (including life for second and third convictions for "lewd and lascivious" conduct, which includes brief touching and hands-off crimes such as flashing). It created an Internet sex-offender registry and steadily boosted reporting requirements for more ex-offenders, as well as police surveillance and penalties for violation of probation. A "high-risk" registered sex offender who fails immediately to report a change of address or the purchase of a car faces getting locked up again — potentially for life. The legislature has created special sex-crimes investigatory units, which will presumably yield more convictions. At the same time, it has allowed crippling cutbacks to the public defender's office. The crimes haven't gotten worse. Only the political pressure has.

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Hysteria gets what it wants. Draconian punishments start to make the merely cruel and unusual seem moderate.

Referring to the federal Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, which requires all states to vastly expand their sex-offender registries, Dick Sears told a reporter: "The idea [of the Act] seems to be that most sex offenders have to be on the Internet [registry]. I don't think a lot of [legislators] have a problem with that."

"Most sex offenders," under the Act, include people as young as 14. The Act also creates pages and pages of new federal crimes and doubles or triples mandatory minima and statutory damages.

But compared with death by lethal injection, what's so bad about life in prison? Compared with life in prison, what's so awful about having your face posted on a globally accessible Internet list of sex monsters, and, with it, the permanent impossibility of finding housing, decent work, friendship or hope — even if you were 14 when you committed the act?

Laws born in hysteria are symbolic instruments fashioned in response to confusion, anxiety, terror and rage.

Pretty soon, no penalty of a sex offender is considered cruel and unusual enough. When the Supreme Court ruled that capital punishment for the rape of a child is unconstitutional, both presidential candidates expressed disappointment in the decision.

"Everything should be on the table," Sorrell told Vermont Public Radio when asked what sex-crimes laws the state should consider.

And while radical penalties become mainstream, formerly mainstream arguments against those penalties become radical. For instance: A defendant is not always an offender; an accuser is not always a victim. People lie about sexual assault, and they coach children to lie. Sometimes it is the contemplation of sending an innocent man or woman to prison — not traumatic memories of a real crime — that causes an accuser to scotch a complaint.

Some arguments can no longer be uttered. Here's one: Being subject to a "lewd and lascivious" act won't destroy your life, yet the offense can carry a life sentence. Where sex offenses against children are concerned, rarely does the punishment fit the crime.

Facts don't cool emotions. Maybe only other emotions can. I can't at the moment think what these would be. Compassion? The idea that everyone, even a rapist murderer, deserves to be treated as a human being?

Spare the poison darts, readers. I already know that sentiment makes me a bleeding heart, a pedophile lover and an accomplice child killer.

I also know that as long as terror and hatred persist — and as long as these emotions are fanned — the laws will keep coming, and their severity will keep mounting. Once they are on the books, the statutes are likely to stay. Even decades after this hysteria is tamped, politicians will be wary of broaching repeal. Wisely, they will fear the flammable fumes that might be released if the old feelings are stirred, like toxic gases lying inert in a mineshaft.

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Fightin' Words

A Montpelier historian searches for Civil War lore

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When Vermont established a Civil War cavalry regiment in the fall of 1861, Addison Preston couldnt wait to sign up He was, after all, a man whom a notable Vermont historian would describe as "brave to a fault." Impetuosity aside the Danville businessman earned his stripes over the following three years while fighting for the Union Army By the late spring of 1864 he was a colonel and colleagues were speculating he would soon be promoted to brigadier general

But Prestons good fortune only carried him so far On June 3 the colonel dismounted his horse in a field near Richmond, Virginia, and approached a group of soldiers whom he assumed belonged to the Union Army "Major dont allow your men to fire" he told an underling before crossing the field The soldiers were Confederates and one of their bullets ripped through Prestons chest.

Almost a century and a half later Prestons 1864 funeral at the Danville Congregational Church is still the largest on record in that town Yet information about the Civil Wars impact on Vermonters and the towns they hailed from remains relatively scarce

Enter Montpelier historian Howard Coffin For more than 40 years Coffin has been visiting and reading about famous Civil War battlefields He began publishing books about Vermonts connection to the conflict in 1993 with the 376-page *Full Duty Vermonters in the Civil War* Now the former *Rutland Herald* reporter and one-time press secretary for Sen Jim Jeffords is turning his full attention to Vermonts Civil War sites.

Over the last two years Coffin has talked with history buffs librarians and town clerks in about 125 municipalities logging 40 000 miles on his Hyundai coupe Once he has surveyed all of the states 251 cities and towns, hell compile his research in a book to be published in 2012 to coincide with the Civil Wars 150th anniversary

Coffin acknowledges that "its going to be a damn big book" After all Civil War "sites" arent just the churches where soldiers were mourned and the cemeteries where they were buried but also the factories where wool weapons and uniforms were manufactured the fields where the soldiers drilled the stops on the Underground Railroad the halls where abolitionists spoke; and the childhood homes of Vermonters who fought and influenced the war effort Coffin who served in the U.S Army during the Vietnam War as

PHOTO COURTESY OF DANVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY been planning to write about a cave where a Civil War draft deserter had hid.

Coffin's book will add to a remarkably uncluttered literary canon. While more than 34,000 Vermonters served in the Civil War, the only comprehensive tome on the topic — *Vermont in the Civil War* by G.G. Benedict — was published in 1886. Kevin Graffagnino, executive director of the Vermont Historical Society, says Coffin's current project will help sustain public interest in an important subject. "The Civil War wasn't being written about much in Vermont 25 years ago," Graffagnino notes. "Howard has been a major player in getting the Civil War back on the front page, as it were, of Vermont history."

Coffin suggests his project was born of a desire to understand the human condition. "Why do we fight? Why do men go off to war, or why don't they?" he asks rhetorically. "I don't think this country has a good understanding of what war's all about, and I think there might be a way to get at that through this war, because there's so much information that survived without censorship."

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HOWARD COFFIN

At 11:15 on a recent Thursday morning, Coffin parks his Hyundai in the driveway of the Danville Historical Society. He explains that Danville holds uncommon significance as a Civil War locale for two primary reasons. It's where Col. Addison Preston lived before shipping off for points south, and it houses the boyhood home of House Representative Thaddeus Stevens, a famous American legislator.

Stevens was born with a club foot in 1792 to a poor Danville family. After graduating from Dartmouth College in 1814, he established a law practice in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Known as a champion of human rights, Stevens was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1849 and chaired the House Ways and Means Committee during the Civil War. Just before his death in 1868, he led impeachment proceedings against President Andrew Johnson.

Mary Prior, a garrulous woman with short white hair, emerges from a side door of the historical society. She and Coffin sit down, and he explains that he'd like to document all the sites in her town that pertain to the Civil War.

"I can do sites," Prior says.

Coffin adds that he would also like to see any artifacts related to those sites.

"I can do artifacts," she replies.

Prior can also — it just so happens — furnish Capt. Charles D. Brainerd's 1879 essay "Danville in the War of the Rebellion," the town's first Civil War retrospective. According to Brainerd's seven-page brief, Danville residents voted to spend $36,000 on the war effort. Of the 185 Danville men who fought for the Union Army, 17 were taken prisoner and 12 died from wounds suffered in battle.

After making photocopies of Brainerd's essay, Prior explains that some of Col. Preston's Civil War gear is being stored in North Danville. Coffin grins. When Prior, a seventh-generation Danviller, adds that she can show him Thaddeus Stevens' purported birthplace, his grin widens.

"Some of it is pretty exciting," Prior says.

"Well," he answers, "I'm getting excited."

A fifth-generation Vermonter, Coffin first heard stories about the Civil War from his mother while growing up in Woodstock. After serving as a medic, machine gunner and reporter for the U.S. Army in the mid-1960s, he worked as a *Herald* reporter, a news director at Dartmouth and the University of Vermont, and press secretary for Sen. Jim Jeffords.

Soon after he left the army, Coffin began using vacation time to visit and write about Civil War battlefields. By the time he retired from Jeffords' office in the mid-1990s, he was already something of a Civil War authority.

Over the years, Coffin's enthusiasm for relics of the "War Between the States," as the Confederacy preferred to call it, has helped generate interest on a national scale. In 1988, he helped draft a bill that asked Congress to preserve Civil War battlefields where Vermonters had fought and died. It passed. Coffin also petitioned Congress to buy 500 acres outside Fredericksburg, Virginia, from a housing developer for $5.5 million. The parcel is the former site of the Battle of the Wilderness, an 1864 conflict in which 1000 Vermonters were shot in a single afternoon.

A half hour after their rendezvous at the Danville Historical Society, Coffin and Preston climb the stairs of the North Danville School Community Center. A pile of American flags rests against a wall in the foyer. Inside the "historical room" lie the boots, saddlebag and horse bridle that Col. Addison Preston probably had with him when he was killed in 1864. Coffin's eyes widen.

Then Prior opens two cardboard boxes that have been placed near a dog-eared copy of *Full Duty*. Coffin peers over the edges to find Civil War combat uniforms. The stripes on one of the uniforms denote the rank of lieutenant colonel. "That's almost pristine," he mutters while bending over to examine the garment. "This is tremendous!"

After chatting about Preston's gear, Coffin and Prior ponder the circumstances of the commander's demise. The way they talk, you'd think they were gossiping about a neighbor who'd been killed in Iraq. "It's almost as if he had a death wish," Coffin says, noting that it's unwise for commanders to expose themselves so blatantly to potential enemy fire. "He wanted to be one of the guys," Prior replies. "Didn't he!" Coffin sighs. "Well, I guess so."

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As a former military man, Coffin is more interested in shedding light on the experiences of the common soldier than he is in abetting knee-jerk patriotism.

Prior hops in Coffin's car and commences a drive-by tour of local Civil War sites. Here, she says when Coffin stops at a Federal-style white house, is where Addison Preston grew up. Here is the sleepy Congregational Church where his funeral service was held. And here, she continues, standing under a maple in the Danville Green Cemetery, is where the colonel was buried.

As a bank of thunderheads appears overhead, Coffin drives through a covered bridge and parks beside a clearing that overlooks the former Greenbanks Woolen Mill. Here, Prior explains between bites of a sandwich, is where Danville workers manufactured blue wool for Civil War uniforms. The mill burned in 1885.

Something — distant car horns, perhaps, or a car radio tuned to a country station — begins to trill in a vaguely melodic way. Coffin looks up from his sandwich to ask Prior what it might be. "It's probably the dinner bell for the mill workers," she replies. "You can feel their spirits, can't you?"

Coffin's Hyundai climbs out of Danville and dips down a dirt road. Passing a house where a soldier's camouflage fatigues are drying on a clothesline, the car swoops through a patch of darkened woods that mark the original "Danville Center." Coffin parks beside a stand of 100-year-old cedars and a "NO TRESPASSING" sign. Then he and Prior walk across the road toward what look like the decrepit remnants of a stone wall.

Prior explains that some locals consider this the birthplace of Thaddeus Stevens. According to the Lancaster, Pennsylvania-based Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, the Danville native was a proponent of legislation related to public education and civil rights. Stevens was the third public official to be buried at the Capitol Rotunda in Washington, D.C.; the first two were Senator Henry Clay and President Abraham Lincoln.

"It's remarkable," Coffin muses. "This club-footed baby grows up and changes the history of the world, and it started right here."

Clouds burst as Coffin and Prior head back to Danville. While wiper blades glide across his windshield, Coffin insists that this Civil War project shouldn't be construed as a celebration of war, but rather as a means to understand it. (The historian spoke in favor of impeachment at the Statehouse last winter and considers both the Vietnam and Iraq wars unjust.)

As a former military man, Coffin is more interested in shedding light on the experiences of the common soldier than he is in abetting knee-jerk patriotism. Today, for example, he carries *Rutland Herald* obituaries for two local boys who were killed toward the end of the Civil War. One, Alvah Kelsey, met his end while fighting for the Confederate Army in the fall of 1862. Another, Union Army Corporal Samuel W. Rollins, died of a fever in prison in the winter of 1865.

To find out where these soldiers lived, Coffin and Prior approach a white house that sits across the town green from Danville's gray Civil War monument. Inside, the woman who owns the place shows Coffin an antiquated map of Caledonia County that hangs in her dining room. Consulting the map with a magnifying glass, Coffin locates Danville and finds markings for homes that belonged to the soldiers.

By the time Coffin and Prior return to his car, it's after 4 p.m. The Hyundai re-crosses Route 2 and passes the Danville Video Store and the Danville Historical Society. Sunflowers and Queen Anne's Lace line the roadside on the way out of town. A streambed emerges at turns from behind a stand of deciduous trees. On a gently sloping hillside that Prior's family has owned since 1797, cows swat flies with their tails.

Coffin drives on, past Addison Preston's house, toward the Kelsey homestead. Though the drizzle has tapered off and the sky is showing streaks of blue, the air streaming through the windows feels heavy. "I don't want to glorify war," Coffin tells Prior. "I'm full well as interested in *these* stories as I am in Thaddeus Stevens."

"Because it's the common man," she affirms.

"That's right," he says. "The Civil War was glorious in some ways, but it was also a horrible experience full of immense suffering."

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ABC Metals owner Gil Rhoades has flouted the law for years. Why has no one shut him down?

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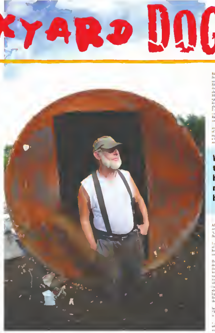

Gilbert "Gil" Rhoades leans against an old hopping cart full of scrap catalytic converters. [illegible] on a Sunday afternoon, and Rhoades, the 66-year-old owner of ABC Metals/Rhoades Salvage in Milton, has just ducked inside a battered garage with two employees to wait out a passing thunderstorm.

It's dangerous to operate heavy equipment in an electrical storm, Rhoades says. That's especially true when your perimeter fence is made out of old high-voltage racks and you're surrounded by spires of crushed automobiles and drums of flammable liquids. As if to drive home that point, a nearby crack of thunder sends Rhoades' Akita scurrying for cover.

But lately ABC Metals, which has been around since 1954, has become a different kind of lightning rod. In the last few years, neighbors have been pressuring state and local officials to force Rhoades to clean up his act. They complain that the junkyard has operated for years without a state license or town permit. Now, they claim, his flouting of the law is taking its toll on the surrounding [illegible].

One growing problem that's hard to overlook: a mountain of tires several hundred feet long and more than 50 feet high, not including what's buried underground. No one knows for sure how many tires are there; estimates have ranged from 50,000 to more than a million.

What is known, however, is that public safety officials have long been worried about it. Aside from serving as a breeding ground for rodents and mosquitoes, Milton Fire Chief Don Turner warns that if the tire pile were ever to catch fire, his department would have to call in specialized firefighting crews. The Milton Fire Department has neither the equipment nor personnel to fight such a dangerous blaze by itself.

"It'd be very, very difficult for us to put it out," Turner says. "We'd be evacuating people."

There may be other less visible threats lurking at the site. Groundwater tests in recent months have revealed elevated levels of heavy metals, including barium, cadmium, chromium, arsenic and lead, which are more concentrated in wells closer to the junkyard.

In one home, a private drinking well that serves several homes south of ABC Metals contained arsenic levels more than higher than the EPA allows. A resident of one of those homes, Dan Ducharme, says he was first notified of the problem not by the town's health officer or the state, but by his neighbors.

Moreover, sweat and [illegible] testing done by the state in Hobbs Pond, which abuts the junkyard, discovered the presence of MTBE, a gasoline additive, as well as polychlorinated biphenyls. PCBs, which were used for years in vehicle coolants and hydraulic fluids, were banned in the 1970s due to their high toxicity, persistence in the environment and likely carcinogenic effects on humans and animals.

Such problems come in addition to ongoing nuisance complaints neighbors have filed with the town for years, which include excessive noise, fumes and odors emanating from the yard, as well as heavy equipment being operated outside of normal business hours. Kimberly Sudduth, who lives adjacent to ABC Metals on Route Drive, claims her backyard fence has been knocked down three times by heavy equipment operating in the yard.

"We can't even have a garden," she complains, "because there is no inside environmental impact around that, why would we want to eat anything that comes out of the ground here?"

By any reckoning, it's hard to understand how Gil Rhoades has managed to stay in business all these years. State and local officials have known about the problems associated with ABC Metals for more than a decade, but Rhoades has ignored court orders and missed several deadlines to get rid of his tires. In June, citing concerns about possible contamination on the property, the Milton Select Board denied ABC Metals a certificate of approved location, a prerequisite for a state junkyard license. In its decision, the board characterized Rhoades' plan for removing his tire pile as "inadequate and unrealistic" and said his "lack of past performance puts his credibility as an operator [illegible]." The board concluded that Rhoades "has manifested an attitude that his economic needs take priority over all other considerations."

Rhoades dismisses that suggestion by turning it around on his accusers. "If you bought yourself a piece of property beside the airport, do you expect the fucking airplanes to stop flying?" Rhoades asks. "This is not a vacation spot. This is not a walk in the park. It's a scrap yard!"

> **What you've got here is, see if you can kick the shit out of one yard so that you can kick the shit out of all the rest. They're relentless. They seem to get all charged up by creating hate and discontent.**
>
> GIL RHOADES

Lynn Caldwell, who lives [illegible] from ABC Metals' southern boundary, [illegible] of a new citizens group called MOTLEY CLEAN — or "Citizens Looking for Environmental [illegible] Now." She also believes Rhoades [illegible].

"You're not allowed to illegally dump any more than I can take my old refrigerator and drop it off on the side of a road somewhere," Caldwell asserts. "People know he has no license, no solid waste permit, no certificates and no town permit. And they still do nothing."

Visit Caldwell's home on Ensign Drive and she'll break out a large, three-ring binder devoted to her cause, which has been [illegible] by dozens of other residents in the neighborhood. The binder contains photos of Rhoades' tire pile, which is visible from her yard, as well as pictures of half-submerged steel drums in Hobbs Pond behind her house, where her two boys used to catch frogs. The binder also contains lab results showing the presence of heavy metals and toxic chemicals in the pond sediment, as well as legal documents dating back to 1995 when the state first obtained a court order against Rhoades — and then did nothing to enforce it.

"Why do we have these laws on the books that are being so blatantly ignored?" asks a frustrated Caldwell. "What is the point if no one has the authority to enforce them?"

Indeed, from a regulatory point of view, the situation at ABC Metals seems almost Kafkaesque. The town, which allowed homes to be built next door to this 50s-era industrial site, grandfathered in Rhoades' junkyard in 1974 as a "pre-existing, nonconforming use." But since the Select Board won't grant ABC Metals a conditional use permit to operate, none of the town's ordinances that govern noise levels, hours of operation, perimeter fencing or other junkyard operations are being applied or enforced.

Likewise, the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources says it has no jurisdiction over the operation. The ANR, which regulates solid waste facilities, recycling centers and hazardous materials handlers, doesn't classify Rhoades' 5.5-acre lot — which stores and processes tons of crushed metal, old tires and spent petroleum products — as a recycling center, a "hazardous waste handler" or a "solid waste facility." That's despite a preliminary injunction filed last year in which the Vermont attorney general's office wrote that the tens of thousands of scrap tires stored in the junkyard "constitute solid waste."

Technically speaking, ANR contends, under Vermont law junkyards are regulated by the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTRANS) — a historic holdover from the days when dead jalopies were simply towed into a field and left to rust. A bill signed into law in May 2006 required the ANR secretary to draft legislation transferring jurisdiction of auto junkyards from VTRANS to ANR. That bill was drafted and delivered to the appropriate legislative committees in 2007, but apparently has disappeared into legislative limbo.

Moreover, VTRANS, which oversees everything from truck inspection stations to auto dealerships to motorcycle safety courses, claims it lacks the enforcement staff or scientific know-how to oversee the environmental complexities of a modern-day junkyard. "You can have the best regulations in the world," says Glen Button, director of enforcement and safety for the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles, "but if you don't have the staff that are skilled and able to follow through on things, it's problematic."

Yet it's no mystery why government officials continue this game of bureaucratic hot potato. No one wants to assume ownership of the Rhoades property or the potential liability of millions of dollars in cleanup costs.

Gary Kessler, director of the waste [illegible] compliance and enforcement at the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), sums it up best: "If this guy goes out of business today or tomorrow or next week, I don't know. Bake sale? How else are you going to get all those tires out of there?"

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Clearly none of the allegations being hurled at ABC Metals comes as news to Gil Rhoades, who has operated an auto junkyard in Milton since 1970. Rhoades calls his critics "nosey neighbors," "do-nothing politicians" and Johnny-come-lately "tree huggers" who are in cahoots and have been waging a "witch hunt" against him since the 1980s.

"What you've got here is, see if you can kick the shit out of one yard so that you can kick the shit out of all the rest," Rhoades asserts. "They're relentless. They seem to get all charged up by every, [illegible]"

Despite a recent onslaught of negative press coverage and growing citizen activism that seems intent on driving him out of business, Rhoades agreed to give *Seven Days* a tour of his property, which bears an uncanny resemblance to a *Mad Max* film set: a dystopian landscape built out of the rusting relics of the Peak Oil age.

The severed tops of a half dozen school buses now serve as storage sheds for various metallic odds and ends. Rusty drums announce their hazardous contents — antifreeze, gasoline, motor oil — in sloppy spray-painted letters. Inside a round metallic shed is the "battery hut," which looks more like a hatch pilfered off a WW II submarine. Certainly, the "battery hut," which contains old car batteries stacked in a haphazard pile, bears little resemblance to the "best management practices" recommended by the DEC.

As we round one corner, a crushed car, minus its tires, glass and doors, hovers on a lift where its various fluids will soon be drained. There's a 55-gallon drum full of sawdust, which Rhoades says is used for soaking up spills. Moments earlier he boasted about how clean the ground looks after the freshly fallen rain. But here the muddy soil glistens with an oily rainbow sheen.

When asked about the heavy metals that showed up in groundwater tests, Rhoades asserts that those levels were "minuscule." The arsenic, he explains, is "naturally occurring" and couldn't possibly come from anything in a salvage lot. And he points to an environmental report from earlier this year validating that assertion. (However, another environmental test, paid for by the state, concluded otherwise.)

"You'd have to be naïve to think that you're gonna find water that tests like mountain water, where nothing but the birds and the bees live here," he adds.

Along one wall is a makeshift fence built out of old underground fuel tanks. Why not a real fence? Rhoades explains that he was given 10 months from the time the town signed off on his junkyard permit to construct a state-approved fence that will screen the tire pile from his neighbors' view. However, Rhoades notes that since the town hasn't granted him a certificate of approved location, he doesn't have to build the fence yet.

"That's good for me," he chuckles, "because I don't have to spend the $30,000."

Exactly what would it take to get rid of all those tires? (Rhoades estimates there are more than a million there.) If one truckload equals 2000 tires and he removed one load per month — at a cost of about $2000 per load — it would take more than 41 years and more than $1 million to eliminate the pile. Rhoades says that'll never happen.

"If I lived to be twice the age of Methuselah, I *might* be able to remove all those tires," the 66-year-old says. "But if I should lose my appeal [against the town], the judge is gonna have to find the money because I ain't got it. And I'm not gonna work the rest of my remaining years just to give it away."

Rhoades says he has not been assessed "one dime" in fines or penalties for his years of alleged violations, which, in his mind, proves he's done nothing outside the law all the years he's been in business.

In fact, his legal woes date back at least as far as 1995, when VTRANS filed a complaint against him in Chittenden Superior Court. In a November 27, 1995, court order, Rhoades agreed to stop accepting scrap tires except for those that arrive on junked vehicles. All newly acquired tires were required to be tallied and segregated from the existing pile, then shredded, stored separately and eventually hauled away.

That 1995 order also required Rhoades to build fire lanes around the pile. Although those fire lanes were eventually built, Rhoades has never shredded tires and says he never will.

In June 2000, ABC Metals' state junkyard license expired and was never renewed. According to court papers, Rhoades claimed it was due to "economic hardship." In 2001, VTRANS inspectors visited the salvage yard [illegible] and observed old petroleum storage tanks being used as fencing material, which is against the law. But despite this and other infractions, as well as Rhoades' lack of a junkyard license, VTRANS took no legal action against him for another six years.

Glen Button of the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles can't say for sure why the 1995 court order was never enforced — it *predates* his time with VTRANS. Nor can Button say why it took so long for his agency to take legal action.

"We look at junkyards now and it's really a solid waste issue," Button says. "When you deal with stuff like that, the people who are really better suited for it are people in natural resources."

For its part, ANR has known about Rhoades' environmental issues as far back as May 1996. Environmental testing that year determined that the soil on site was contaminated with volatile organic compounds at levels 10 times higher than the state allows. In October 1996, ANR added ABC Metals to its active hazardous waste sites list. Nevertheless, despite at least three more inspections by state regulators in ensuing years, ANR took *no legal action* against Rhoades until May 2007.

The Town of Milton hasn't been any more aggressive than VTRANS or ANR in its enforcement efforts. The last time the town granted ABC Metals a permit to operate was in 1998. By 1999, Rhoades was in arrears for back taxes totaling $14,000.

[illegible] to take him to court, seize his property or put it up for sale.

Milton Town Manager Sandy Miller says he's been discussing the ABC Metals case with ANR investigators since he took office in June 2003. When asked why the town never shut Rhoades down, he claims that was never a realistic option.

"We didn't do that because, frankly, we were concerned that we'd end up owning the property and assuming any liability," Miller explains. "I think everyone is in the process of trying to determine what's there, and that information is slowly but surely coming out.

"The process has taken way too long," he adds. "A lot of things now being done could have been done a long time ago and are beyond our resources to do."

Town attorney Greg Wilson agrees. "It's without precedent in the state of Vermont," he says. "No one has had to shut down a junkyard and face the consequences of who's responsible for what." For now, he adds, the town is waiting on the state to follow through on its legal action.

Last year, ANR and VTRANS finally initiated legal action against Rhoades. On May 14, 2007, the attorney general's office filed a motion for preliminary injunction against him, citing his 13 years of violations and other noncompliance issues. On October 25, 2007, Rhoades was ordered to begin removing about 4000 tires from the existing pile. That order stipulated that the first load of tires had to be removed by May 1, 2008, and the second by July 30. Both deadlines have come and gone, and no tires have been hauled away. (For his part, Rhoades denies that he "missed" any court-ordered [illegible] renegotiated the terms of a stipulated court agreement.)

On August 4, Assistant Attorney General Rob McDougall, who's only been on the case for a couple of months, filed a motion for immediate enforcement of the order. McDougall won't comment on Rhoades' earlier noncompliance with the 1995 court order or on the state's current legal strategy. "From our end of things, what we want is compliance. That's our main goal," he says. "Now, it's up to the court to decide."

For his part, Kessler at the DEC resents the suggestion by neighbors and Vermonters for a Clean Environment — last month the environmental group named ABC Metals one of ANR's 10 worst regulatory failures — that the state dropped the ball on its enforcement measures.

"Don't just put it all on the state, because keep in mind, [Rhoades] didn't pay his taxes for quite some time," Kessler points out. "The town could have taken the property and closed him down at any time. They chose not to, because they didn't want to be responsible for the tire pile.

"The same way the town doesn't have the funds to clean up all these tires," Kessler adds, "the state doesn't have a pool of money for removing these tires, either."

But Caldwell bristles at that answer, suggesting that Rhoades' continued defiance of court orders and state regulations only means that environmental remediation will be put off indefinitely.

"No one wants to shut him down because no one wants to be stuck with the cleanup," she says. "My answer to that is, you clean it up now or you clean it up later. Which one is going to cost more?" ⑦

People know he has no license, no solid waste permit, no certification and no town permit. And they still do nothing.

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Book review: *Write Naked*

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Write Naked
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For the past several years, parents and educators have been struggling to convince their young male charges that the written word is just as exciting as "Grand Theft Auto." In his first young adult novel, Brattleboro writer Peter Gould has devised an interesting strategy to that end: *Write Naked* opens with its 16-year-old-boy narrator sitting in a lonely cabin in the woods with a girl. They are indeed both writing. And naked!

It's a teaser with the potential to do for prose what that *Titanic* scene in which Leonardo sketches Kate did for figure drawing — namely, launch a million adolescent fantasies. But let's back up a bit and see how this naked tandem writing came about.

Gould's narrator is Victor, a teenage hippie offspring who lives in a small Vermont town and likes to keep to himself — "fly under the radar," as he puts it. Hence the use of lower case "i" throughout his first-person tale. When a Vietnam vet offers him an ancient manual Royal at a yard sale, saying it's "got a book" locked inside, Victor decides to liberate that book. He drags the old-school machine to his uncle's abandoned cabin and gets tapping — but not before he's heeded the advice from a book of his mom's about communal living: "You have to be naked to write."

Unbeknownst to the shy Victor, his figurative and literal self-baring is observed by the hidden Rose Anna, a home-schooled neighbor who also comes from a family with roots in a nearby commune. Though he flees when he sees her peeping, the two quickly develop a fully clothed rapport. Soon they're sharing the cabin and their pages, in which Victor chronicles their relationship while Rose Anna pens an "ecofeminist fable" of a newt attending a summit meeting to address global warming.

What follows is a two-character tale of transformation, like *Last Tango in Paris* without the sex. (Anyone expecting a *lot* of nude writing, or nude anything, will be disappointed. Writing naked remains titillating but relatively chaste, like the erotically tinged poetry reading that lovers did in 18th- and 19th-century novels.) Gould portrays Victor and Rose Anna as distinct personalities but kindred spirits, both in their sensitivity to art and nature and their rejection of the shinier, trendier aspects of modern teenage life. Consider that one does his writing on a manual typewriter while the other prefers a 70-year-old fountain pen filled with her Wiccan grandmother's homemade ink. No MySpace pages for these two.

Nowadays, many YA authors try to appeal directly to the mainstream of their demographic: Fantasy figures like the Gossip Girls sell better than the Holden Caulfield-esque loners who used to dominate the genre. (Even Harry Potter is, when you strip away the magic, an indifferent student and a pretty average kid.)

FROM *WRITE NAKED*

"Happy May Day," she says.

"Is it May Day?"

"Yes," she says, then, "You look nice with your clothes on."

"Thanks. So do you," i say. Before thinking.

Then i replay those four words in my head to see whether they revealed the relief i feel. That she has clothes on.

See, to my way of thinking, it would be infinitely worse if she realized, from those four words, that i *had* been lying there seriously picturing the possibility that she was down there naked. i mean, not picturing the possibility. That's not what you picture.

i know that sounds complicated. But when you think a lot, like i do, sometimes you forget that other people are not right alongside of you when you're taking all your own logical leaps. You say something to someone from your point of view, and they're like, how did the conversation get all the way over there? That's when you realize you've been wandering on your own.

Gould, who clearly shares the countercultural allegiances of his hero's and heroine's parents, seems to have no interest in aiming for that mass audience. *Write Naked* recalls Ursula LeGuin's 1976 stab at a non-fantasy YA novel, *Very Far From Anywhere Else*. Its characters are two unusual, out-of-step young people who find each other because they don't belong with their peers. Educated by her mother, who's still mourning an early loss, Rose Anna calls her family "out of sync with the whole country. In almost every way," but she sees that as a plus. Victor worries that his little sister, who likes malls and sneers, will turn into an average middle-schooler instead of being "like Rose Anna — woodsy and all."

It's invigorating to hear an oppositional perspective on young people's lit. But, like LeGuin in *Very Far*, Gould sometimes seems to be injecting the young characters with his own adult attitudes, rather than figuring out *how* those energies express themselves in a new generation. Take Victor's explanation of why he prefers to write on the Royal:

> *Don't get me wrong, i like computers. There's not much i haven't tried on a computer. i've done digital editing, i download some music, i like to check out webcams. i've played some of the games most of my school friends have. i've done some stuff I wish I hadn't.*
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Would a kid think this? True, paranoia about the military-industrial-entertainment complex knows no generational bounds. But a teenager might also point out that the Internet is a welter of subversive fringe politics and copyright infringements, and that word processing gives sentences a fluidity — for better or worse — they never had in the age when each draft had to be laboriously retyped. When Victor and Rose Anna start lamenting that they missed the 1960s ("It must have been awesome"), it's hard to say whether things have finally come full circle or whether this nostalgia belongs more to the author than to his characters.

While this preaching-to-the-choir aspect can be irritating, Gould gives *Write Naked* a plain yet expressive style that's generally plausible as the product of an intelligent teen. (We also get to read Rose Anna's fanciful ecofeminist newt tale.) The two protagonists have a friction — both intellectual and erotic — that's lifelike, too.

Perhaps what's most valuable about the novel is how it delves into a boy's intimate life, acknowledging both the desires and the doubts and inhibitions Victor struggles with the problem of wanting to get with a chick — a self-proclaimed feminist Wiccan, yet — without diminishing their meeting of the minds in any way.

Will actual adolescent boys take a break from *Superbad*-style jokes about wanking and Internet porn to read something like this? Hard to say. But some girls will undoubtedly eat it up — and perhaps want to start Write Naked groups of their own. ⑦

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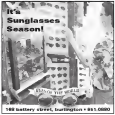
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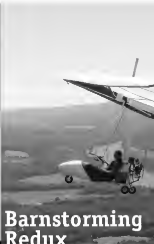

Barnstorming Redux

RECREATION

Vermont ultralight pilots are unregistered, unlicensed and flying high

STORY
MATT SCANLON

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Barnstorming first captured the consciousness of America in the wake of the First World War. Bands of itinerant pilots — many of them ex-Army flyers who managed to buy or otherwise hold on to their sputtering Curtis Jenny or Standard H-1 biplanes — buzzed rural areas and dropped pamphlets to attract locals to air shows, where the pilots made a living by stunning crowds with aerobatics, wing walking and other reckless feats. With no regulations to govern access to the skies, anyone with enough starch and stomach could take the stick and give it a go, with wildly varied results.

Such derring-do may have awed onlookers, but it struck the federal government (and probably the owners of freshly dented silos, barns and windmills) as an invitation to anarchy. In 1926, President Coolidge signed the Air Commerce Act, which, among other restrictions, made it impossible to fly planes without a license. The years since have added mightily to the pilot certification process, which today entails taking Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) courses, enduring an extensive medical certification and completing at least 50 hours of flight training. That training runs at least $7500 and must be renewed annually, a process that involves further practical and medical tests. Even with a freshly minted license in hand, pilots still face the problem of finding something to *fly*. (A new Cessna 172 prop plane rings up at $250,000.)

Amid this welter of regulation and expense, however, there exists a class of motorized aircraft one can buy for less than a tenth of the Cessna's price and fly free of FAA regulation, without a license or medical tests. Its legal flight ceiling is an incredible 18,000 feet, and its structure, sale and maintenance are entirely at the discretion of its owner. Direct an eye to the sky during any decent day over Perkinsville (just north of Springfield), and you may see one or more of these modern-day barnstormers skimming the forest canopy or lazily circling cattle pastures.

An ultralight, according to an FAA classification ratified in 2004, is any single-seat plane weighing no more than 256 pounds (without pilot) and whose fuel tank holds no more than 5 gallons. In terms of performance, it may travel no faster than 65 mph and no less than 500 feet above any populated area. These rules have evolved in ever-tightening circles since ultralight flying began in the 1970s.

Bob Corbo, owner of Raven Soaring Trikes in Perkinsville, read these daunting regulations and found a challenge instead of a chokehold. For 10 years his company has been manufacturing a kind of ultralight called *trikes*, which are essentially hang gliders built on a three-wheeled undercarriage with an integrated seat and motor. The pilot steers by shifting his or her weight forward and back or side to side, which reorients the wing to make the craft descend, climb or bank right or left. Customizable to fit riders weighing up to 300 pounds, Corbo's trikes use the natural lift characteristics and low

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weight of the V-shaped wing as the basis for a number of different models, and his company has the distinction of being the only manufacturer of such ultralights in the Northeast.

Corbo has been involved with ultralights for nearly 30 years, and has watched as the state's community of small-plane builders and flyers reacted to FAA regulations that kept reducing maximum weights, particularly after September 11, 2001. Some pilots continue to use overweight planes in secret, which makes their exact numbers difficult to determine, but Corbo estimates that Vermont's legal *and* renegade ultralight pilot population is low, hovering around 50.

"For many years, ultralight designers and plane owners went out of their way to make and fly planes that looked like a traditional design — rigid wings, fuselage, tail, etcetera," Corbo recalls. "Eventually the regulations just put that kind of manufacturing out of business, and I knew that if I wanted to keep building and flying, I had to invent something new."

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> **BOB CORBO, OWNER OF RAVEN SOARING TRIKES**

Corbo concedes that a flying public accustomed to sleek aluminum fuselages and cruising speeds of 600 mph may greet the notion of taking wing on a stretch of nylon fully exposed to the elements and at the mercy of a 30-horsepower motor with a certain degree of anxiety.

"Well, first, the experience has nothing to do with point-A-to-point-B utility," he counters. "It's about living the dream you had — or continue to have — about flying. It's actually more *floating* than flying. We have some pilots who use them to go from airport to airport, sure, but for the most part it's just a way to get up there and enjoy the view."

Cary Levins, who lives in Sharon and has been flying a Canadian-built Elan trike there for two years, has a similar take on his expe-

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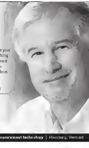

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rience in the air. "I just don't particularly care to fly either high or fast," he explains, "and to me this is the perfect way to take in things you could never see out of a plane window."

Steve Prepost, who grew up in Austin but now lives and works in New Hampshire as head hang-gliding instructor at the Morningside Flight Park in Charlestown, agrees that ultralights free pilots from governmental restriction while allowing them to enjoy flight outside the sterility of commercial airline travel.

"An ultralight design like the trike is really the best of both hang gliding and powered flight," he says. "You can use the motor to take off and get to a good altitude, then just turn it off and soar. These wings were designed to glide, so you can go from thermal to thermal and just keep going. Once you descend below about 2000 feet, you can turn on the motor again and go right back up. It's just an amazing sense of freedom."

Even in the event of a catastrophic failure such as wing damage, ultralight pilots can have additional insurance in the form of a ballistic parachute.

It's hard to rhapsodize poetically about flight unless you're sure the plane carrying you is solid and safe. The FAA doesn't review ultralight manufacturers, making the choice of a builder critical, Corbo readily acknowledges.

"Well, a trike may *look* like a hang glider," he says, smiling. "But the similarities end there. Trikes are actually made of all aircraft hardware. Every nut, bolt and aluminum tube has been tested to aircraft specifications and beyond. For a small aircraft of this weight, safety is everything, of course."

All hang-glider type wings — and so perforce all trike ultralights — feature dive-recovery characteristics. In essence, this means that if a pilot attempts too steep a dive or too drastic a turn, all he or she need do is let go of the central control bar and the wing will stabilize itself automatically. Motor failure is also a much less grave occurrence in a trike than it would be in a larger airplane, because of the former's good glide characteristics and its ability to land on strips of uneven ground as short as 100 feet. Even in the event of a catastrophic failure such as wing damage, ultralight pilots can have additional insurance in the form of a ballistic parachute. Designed to deploy as low as 200 feet, the powered chute will generally slow the rate of descent enough to save the life of the pilot, and possibly the plane itself.

This isn't to suggest there are no ultralight accidents. As recently as June 28, a pilot named Jim Lanzer was killed when his trike-type ultralight crashed near the White County Airport near Gainesville, Florida. Investigations of accidents such as these are not typically conducted by the FAA but by the National Transportation Safety Board, and no specific comprehensive analysis of trike safety has been released by either organization.

Prepost admits that, however infrequent they may be, accidents are an accepted risk of a life spent in the air. "I'm not going to say that danger adds spice to the experience — it's just that it wouldn't be the same without it, if that makes sense," he says.

As with any vehicle, safety is as much a product of the operator's skill as it is of the trike's condition and functioning. Training is the most critical stage of ultralight ownership, and Corbo won't sell any customer a trike without ensuring they've made plans to learn to fly properly. In addition to Morningside Flight Park, a flight center that offers tandem-seat trike training is Crow Island Aviation in Stow, Massachusetts, and in most cases, a full day of instruction is sufficient to get the basics in hand. Corbo recommends, however, a two-day program for a better understanding of wind and weather variations and how they affect flight.

"It also makes for a perfect weekend," he offers. "And every second invested is worth it."

As Prepost sees it, the payoff of all this planning is an experience like no other in the world. "Flying is empowering — magical, and we live in a spectacular area to look at from the sky," he says. "And foliage season — my God, you just want to stay up all day."

Corbo recalls a memorable wildlife encounter when listing his reasons for flying: "Birds don't seem to scatter from a trike the way they do from other aircraft, and one day a bald eagle just swooped down and took a good long look at me," he recalls. "We were just soaring together, and I knew that this was something I was going to try to describe adequately for the rest of my life — but never would."

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***Man of La Mancha*, directed by Nick Corley and produced by Peter Boynton. The Skinner Barn, Waitsfield. August 13-17, 8 p.m. $18.**

Imagination brings a blank page or an empty stage to life. A composer's song can take a theatergoer anywhere his mind and heart allow him to travel.

The 1965 musical *Man of La Mancha*, based on Miguel de Cervantes' 1605 novel *Don Quixote*, brilliantly plays with layers of fiction and fantasy. The lead character is Cervantes himself. The most terrible episode from the novelist's real life — imprisonment by the Inquisition — provides the departure point for recreating the deliciously mad world of his fictional knight errant, Don Quixote.

There is no better setting in Vermont than Waitsfield's Skinner Barn for conjuring *La Mancha's* rough but richly imagined realm. And no one is better equipped to do it than barn owner and producer Peter Boynton, who also stars in the show. For *La Mancha*, as in summers past, Boynton blends Broadway talent with Vermont vets and greener gems into a smashing cast. The result? The best musical theater in Vermont.

Cervantes' *Don Quixote* is often considered Western literature's first novel — and one of its greatest. The author's literary success came near the end of his life, however. (He died in 1616 at age 68, just a year after publishing the book's second part.) As a young soldier, Cervantes was gravely wounded, then later captured by pirates, enslaved for five years in Algiers, and freed when ransomed by his parents. Poetry and playwriting paid poorly, and his day job as a tax collector ultimately landed him behind bars. His colorful adventures and perilous scrapes show up in many of the Don's tales.

Man of La Mancha marries the author's quest — surviving his difficult, sometimes dangerous life — to his lead character's fantastical stories. The action opens with Cervantes thrown in jail and set upon by his fellow prisoners. For the out-of-his-element scribe and his companion to retain control of their meager possessions — including a manuscript that the hooligans threaten to burn — they must defend themselves in a mock trial.

Cervantes pleads guilty to the charge of being an idealist and a bad poet. But he seeks a lenient sentence by recounting to the "court" what Quixote — his manuscript's subject — does as he "lays down his heavy mantle of sanity and sallies forth into the world." From a hamper, Cervantes brings out props, donning the Don's gray goatee and mustache and silver, conquistador-style "comb morion" helmet. His companion becomes the knight's sidekick, Sancho Panza, and the other prisoners — a motley lot of men and women — take on the tales' other roles.

As the story unfolds, the audience learns that the "Don" is the fanciful alter-ego of a country gentleman, Alonso Quixano. The power of his delusions turns the dungeon into the sunny plains of La Mancha and a rowdy inn that he thinks is a grand castle. Through his eyes we see monsters and windmills, and the kitchen wench Aldonza changed by Quixote's starry-eyed chivalry into the beautiful maiden Dulcinea. Rough characters ridicule his optimism and exploit his naiveté. Aldonza rejects his chaste protestations of love while suffering repeated abuse by other men. Meanwhile, Quixano's worried family seeks to end the adventures altogether and cure his insanity.

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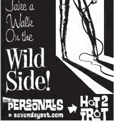
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The simplicity of the Skinner Barn's hand-hewn post-and-beam architecture is an apt setting for bringing *Man of La Mancha* to life. A large pine platform, with three elevated levels in the back and a pathway thrust into the audience in front, gives the cast's 13 members plenty of room for the dancing, singing and brawling action. Props — along with sets and costumes, created by Boynton, director Nick Corley and cast member Ann Harvey — are spare but evocative, such as a wooden water bucket and iron cooking pot. Quixote's imagination transforms other elements for us: Floppy leather bags and long poles become trusty horses, for example.

Wonderfully warm acoustics are the barn's greatest asset, showing off the dynamic singing voices of the entire cast

The scenic designs' rough textures and earthy colors harmonize beautifully with the Barn's exposed structural elements, which frame the stage. The costumes match well in this visual scheme, featuring tattered layers of coarse linens in a palette of wine, rust, mustard and ivory. The only shiny exceptions: Quixote's gorgeous quilted pewter vest and two flashy helmets. James McNamara's effective lighting emphasizes how location changes depend on subtle shifts in the Don's moods.

Wonderfully warm acoustics are the barn's greatest asset, showing off the dynamic singing voices of the entire cast. Boynton's honeyed baritone gives great emotional depth to his portrayal of Cervantes/Quixote. The character is crazy, yes, but deeply spiritual in his passion for life and love for Dulcinea. As an actor and a singer, Boynton shows wonderful range. He connects tenderly — with smooth vocal tone and gentle facial expressions — in the quiet moments of the love song "Dulcinea." In the vigorous fight scenes, brilliantly choreographed by director Corley, Boynton's physicality is bracingly real.

Charlie Cerutti makes a delightful *Sancho Panza*. The faithful, hard-to-faze friend can't articulate why he stays with the nutty knight, beyond "I Really Like Him" — Cerutti crafts the song into a knee-slapping jewel. He masters the musical-comedy technique of varying his voice to fit the scene, making it ready for comic effect or rich to demonstrate deeper feelings. Cerutti is funny and charming, using his goofy facial expressions especially well, but he doesn't ham up the role too much.

Rachel Bruce turns Aldonza/Dulcinea into a hissing spitfire, fierce as a wounded cat and just as unpleasant to be around. Her body language is violent, always recoiling from human contact, and her eyes narrow with suspicion and hate. Bruce projects her singing voice forcefully, matching her lusty tone with her character's lyrics, whether fiery or bittersweet.

In a show of outstanding numbers, the trio of Kevin Berdini (Padre), Laura Wilson (Antonia) and Michael LeMay (Dr. Carrasco) turns "I'm Only Thinking of Him" into a hilarious highlight. Quixano's family expresses its concern for him with their words, but the actors show with exaggerated breast-beating and saucer eyes that they're only thinking of themselves. All three sing with clear articulation, and wring every ounce of comedy from the song.

The rest of the cast is terrific as well, especially the craggy Jim Hogue as the Governor/Innkeeper who plays along with Quixote's delusions. Ann Harvey's physical-comedy skills shine as the much-abused barber. Music director Jonn Maurells leads the tight instrumental ensemble — screened by a wooden half wall to one side of the set — from the keyboard. Guitarist Zachary Cooper occasionally strolls on stage to accompany the singers, and plays beautifully. Chris Nosoky fills out the trio well, handling both bass and percussion.

"The Impossible Dream" is the number that emerged from *Man of La Mancha* to become a standard. It's often hard to hear such a song with fresh ears. In this production, you do. Boynton's battered Quixote sings it plaintively, but full of hope. Just try to listen to the final verse and remain hard of heart:

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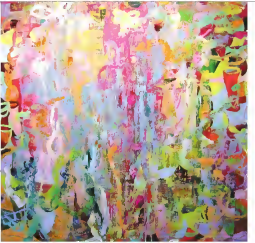

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Marc Awodey

While motorists fume over the cost of running their oil-thirsty automobiles, oil *paint* is powering a different sort of internal combustion at West Branch Gallery & Sculpture Park in Stowe. The current exhibition is called "Internal Combustion," in fact, and it comprises new, highly refined abstract paintings by Middlesex artist Galen Cheney. Her explosive canvases get their drive from sensuous textures and vibrant, harmonious hues.

In her artist's statement, Cheney calls herself "a builder of paintings." She adds: "My tools are my hands, brushes, knives and scrapers." Her richly varied and energetic approach to paint application creates a symphony of textures on each surface. In "Threshold of Life," broad, steel-blue strokes sweep downward to the central horizontal plane of the 43-by-33-inch canvas. Smaller patches of peach-orange and cerulean blue surround that midsection mass, which looks like a mountain escarpment.

Not all of Cheney's pictorial elements are nonobjective. Biomorphic forms resembling flower stems, such as an aqua-colored group of lines in "Threshold of Life," hint at narrative content in Cheney's Abstract Expressionist aesthetic. In "Sugar Cane Alley," petals and stems are even more evident. Tangled blue and green lines of varied weight are loosely woven *à la* macramé, on either side of a lavender vertical axis. An element featuring elongated ovals like dragonfly wings or daisy petals has buzzed to the left of the lavender vertical.

In the 24-inch-square painting entitled "Cirque," which is dominated by crimson and light blue, narrow bands of lines droop in swags along the top and bottom edges of the canvas, giving the sense of a big-top tent. Cheney uses the swags to "frame" tall, thin verticals of paint. A shape resembling a thick-walled bowl at left contributes a horizontal counterpoint. Other nearby ovals of different sizes echo the bowl form.

"Super Natural" is a 60-inch-square painting with similar swag lines that, at first glance, seem less orderly than those in "Cirque." But with closer observation the structural logic of Cheney's work becomes clear: Matrices indicate vertical and horizontal. (Diagonal axes are rare in her canvases.) "Aslant Among Rubies," a 44-by-34-inch oil, is composed almost entirely of ovoid shapes that meld into a vague grid. Yet Cheney may be more concerned with spatial depth — in a Hans Hofmann-esque "push-pull" manner — than with linear compositional movement.

In her nearly square, 58-by-59-inch "Swaying Tall Stems," the central vertical axis resembles the center of an open book. Sinewy threads of magenta, powder blue and pale orange are laid down tightly across the midpoint of the canvas, but these forms become incrementally broader as they spread right and left. Wide, nearly conical shapes appear along the edges of the painting. Cheney's chromatic harmony ranges from darkly valued greens to the calligraphic strokes of warm white that punctuate the intricately layered monumental work.

In the show's catalogue, a curatorial statement by gallery coordinator Amy Rahn discloses that Cheney's new body of work took shape during an intensive residency at the Vermont Studio Center. Indeed, the paintings of "Internal Combustion" epitomize the vivacity of fresh discovery.

The West Branch has recently expanded its quarters, allowing it to accommodate large-scale works such as Cheney's. Even if gas costs a bit more these days, a trek up Stowe's Mountain Road to this gallery is well worth the trip.

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THE CHANDLER GALLERY in Randolph invites artists to submit two- or three-dimensional pieces for an exhibit entitled "Food Tales" on the theme of food and harvest. If interested, reply by August 25 to Ken Goss at 728-4351 or ken_goss2003@yahoo.com, or Betsy Carlton, 728-9878 or [illegible]@chandler-arts.org.

TALKS & EVENTS

SUNSETS AT SHELBURNE MUSEUM: AN EVENING IN PARIS: An evening of French culture for all ages with food, live music, garden exploration and local artists at work. Thursday, August 14, 5-7:30 p.m., Shelburne Museum, Shelburne. Info, 985-3346.

KIRSTEN HOVING: "When Trees Dream," an exhibit of photographs by the Middlebury College art professor. Through September 6 at Wallace Gallery & Listening Room in Bristol. Talk: Kirsten Hoving gives a talk about her work. Friday, August 15, 7:30-9 p.m. Info, 453-5558.

RAFAEL CA[illegible]: "Sin Fronteras (No Borders)," realist/surrealist paintings by the American master, considered the "Diego Rivera of the 21st century." Through August 30 at Helen Day Art Center in Stowe. Talk: Meet the artist Saturday, August 16, [illegible]

'STITCHED TOGETHER' GALLERY TALK: Artist Madelene Veitch talks about how she collected worn underwear from her neighbors to make the quilt on display in this exhibit. Wednesday, August 20, 2-3 p.m., Fleming Museum, UVM, Burlington. Info, 656-2750.

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'GATES & PASSAGES': A group, multimedia exhibit on the theme of openings, exits, pathways and other passages, Main Floor Gallery; and **'MAKE MORE ART':** A SPA teacher show, Second Floor Gallery; and **'THE USUAL SUSPECTS':** A roundup of questionable characters by Bruce McAlpine, Third Floor Gallery. Through September 20 at Studio Place Arts in Barre. Reception: Friday, August 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday tea, August 17, 2-4 p.m., with live music by Daydreamin'a. Info, 479-7069.

NORA VALDEZ: 'Walking with Memories II,' an installation of sculptures by the Argentina-born artist, about "carrying luggage" through life. August 15 through September 28 at Carving Studio and Sculpture Center in West Rutland. Reception: Friday, August 15, 5-7 p.m. Info, 438-2097.

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ED RACICOT VERMONT ART SINKS

Home-makeover shows are fun and addictive but so far they've missed out on a gem: Vermont Art Sinks. The handcrafted stoneware basins sit stylishly atop vanities made from recycled wood, or can be rimmed for counter sinking. Glazed in earthy browns and greens, the sinks look just as sharp accented with sleek, minimalist faucets as with more rustic-looking taps. Homeowners need no better excuse to update their powder room than, say, the "Liberty" sink in burnt rose: surface-mounted to show off its flared silhouette.

Despite the prevalence of first-person plural on Vermont Art Sinks' website, there is only one person behind both vessels and vanities: Ed Racicot. The 45-year-old works out of his Westford home studio, a sunny, converted three-bay garage with French doors opening to a lawn. Since he started the business in 2003, Racicot has cleaved to two directives: make functional art, and reduce, reuse, recycle.

"One of the biggest things for me was, I didn't want to produce a lot of waste," says Racicot, a low-key but serious artisan who keeps his studio meticulously clean. The wood for his vanities comes from sources such as his sister's dismantled barn in Jericho. He lines the cupboards' insides with packaging veneer from Gardener's Supply, a waste product he discovered through his partner Steve Gorton, who works there. Vanities are finished with a waterproof layer of Safecoat, a fume-free gloss that's low in volatile organic compounds.

For clay, Racicot "pugs" (or blends) two parts pre-made clay and one part reclaimed trimmings, which he puts through a time-consuming moisturizing and pressing process to render reusable. He also mixes his own glazes, recycling leftovers whenever possible. Racicot applies the glaze with a brush while spinning pieces on the wheel — an eco-friendly alternative to dipping the items, which requires extra firings. (He also likes the variegated stripes he gets with his technique.) Racicot fires no more than three sinks at a time in his small batch electric kiln, filling the extra space with matching sets of soap dishes, lotion dispensers and toothbrush holders.

The giant restaurant-supply whisk Racicot uses to stir his homemade glazes doesn't give a clue to how tricky it can be to create those chemical concoctions. One deviation from a color recipe, mixed from tubs of powdered oxides, metals and silica, could render the result unusable, he says. But Racicot would never buy pre-made chemicals of glaze instead. "If you've got a little science in your heart, that piece is fascinating," he declares.

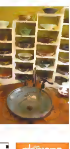
Racicot learned the science of glaze-making, as well as the art of pottery-throwing, from George Satchard, a ceramic lamp maker in Underhill with whom he worked before and after his high-school graduation. Just as Satchard was moving into mass production. The gig made Racicot realize he needed to build up some savings before trying to earn his keep in crafts. "I saw how difficult it was not to starve, even for George," Racicot says.

Over the next 20 years Racicot, originally from Massachusetts, held "real" jobs. He worked for Green Mountain Power as a hydroelectric operator, then traveled constantly as a sales rep for IDX. He says, "9/11 was the impetus for wanting to do something else." That meant majoring in education at Johnson State College, but his muses set put him back on the crafts track. With another degree in business management from Burlington's Community College of Vermont and months of practice throwing at Burlington City Arts Clay Studio, Racicot opened his first studio — in the windowless basement of an old Victorian on South Winooski Avenue.

After surviving the frigid winters in electric socks — armed with D-batteries that made them fall down his calves — Racicot decided it was time to move. His Westford digs, where he's been for a year and a half, feature a showroom he built and lined with shelves to show off his seven sink styles in every color. And it's heated.

With orders coming in from around the country now, Racicot hasn't felt the need to attend K/BIS — the national Kitchen and Bath Industry Show — in Atlanta this year. If he ever goes, though, HGTV may finally get the memo. Ⓩ

Ed Racicot's Vermont Art Sinks and vanities are available through Close to Home in Williston and Wood-Stock Kitchens and Baths in Essex, among other stores. See a full list at www.vtartsinks.com. Sinks can be ordered online or purchased at his studio at 38 Deer Run Lane, Westford.



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ROSIE PREVOST: "Portraits: Exploring the Universal," black-and-white portraits that explore a connection with archetypes and the universal, using a variety of approaches, from studio sessions to toy cameras. August 15 through September 7 at 215 College Street Artists' Cooperative in Burlington. Reception: Friday, August 15, 5-8 p.m. Info, 863-3662.

OPEN HOUSE/STUDIO ART SHOW: Artist Steve Clark opens his home and studio to display recent works, along with those of Sally Clark and Bethany Farrell, and the fine furniture of Timothy Clark. Saturday, August 16, 2-5 p.m. at Steve Clark Studio in Vergennes, followed by reception 5-9 p.m. Info, 877-3655.

KAREN FISHER: Children's portraiture, wedding and fine art photography. Through August 31 at Fisher Photography in Waitsfield. Reception along with a "Kids Creating Art" exhibit, Saturday, August 16, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Info, 496-5216.

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AUTUMNAL ART: Fall and/or Vermont images by staff and customers of the art supply store. Through October 31 at Artists' Mediums in Williston.

BECKY KANTER: Geometry-inspired paintings. Through August 31 at Red Square in Burlington. Info, 318-2438.

BETHANY FARRELL: "Narratives," mixed-media prints of figures with layers of writing, magazine imagery and text. Through September 30 at Oriek in Burlington. Info, 859-5063.

BRUCE PENDLETON: "Electric Images," photographs of theater, dance and experimental visual film. Through September 8 at Shelburne Art Center in Shelburne. Info, 985-3648.

BYRON GEIGEL: "Montage," lively landscape paintings by the Island Pond artist, along with additional works by 15 regional artists. Through September 8 at Furchgott Sourdiffe Gallery in Shelburne. Info, 985-3848.

CHRISTOPHER THOMPSON: Oil and metallic on canvas, Gates 1 & 2; **JOSHUA BAREY:** Color photographs from Africa, "Skyway"; and **DAN GOTTSEGEN:** Oil paintings, Escalator. Through September 30 at Burlington Airport in South Burlington. Info, 865-7166.

DAVID JOHANSEN: "Light Forms and Soulscapes," images of ephemeral objects and events. Through August 31 at Grannis Gallery in Burlington. Info, 660-2032.

DON BICKNELL: "Wood-Water-Rock: Photographs from Alaska, Cape Cod and Italy," silver gelatin prints and color prints. Through September 21 at Firehouse Center Community Darkroom in Burlington. Info, 865-7166.

ELIZABETH CLEARY: Paintings of people, places and still lifes that emphasize light. Through August 20 at Opportunities Credit Union in Burlington. Info, [illegible].

GATHERING OF THE MINDS: "Pictures of the Universe and Faces of Nature Mongerie f Senses," artwork resulting from two years of inspiration from residents and friends of 24 Mongerie f Terrace in Burlington. Works done in oil, pastel, pen and ink and more. Curated by Ibb Ultman and Marc Mantona and displayed in the Mezzanine. Through August 15 at Fletcher Free Library in Burlington. Info, 865-7211.

GREGORY ALBRIGHT: Paintings inspired by lyrical line and living colors, Dining Room; **EMILY NICOLE WILSON:** Mixed-media design abstractions, Greenhouse; and **DAVID KISSEL:** Black-and-white photography, Bar. Through August 31 at Daily Planet in Burlington. Info, 862-9647.

JANET FREDERICKS: "Five Scrolls: Mapping the New Haven," monoprints and paintings inspired by moving water. Through September 30 at The Men's Room in Burlington. Info, 864-2088.

JOE ROHDE: Paintings reflecting the emotions and sensations of daily life. Through August 25 at Nectar's in Burlington. Info, 318-0165.

JOHN K. ALEXANDER: New paintings. Through August 31 at Healthy Living in South Burlington. Info, 560-8257.

KARUNA J. JOSANPUTRA: "In Blessings," black-and-white photographs of people from India, Kenya and Tanzania. Through August 31 at Davis Center, UVM, in Burlington. Info, 569-6319.

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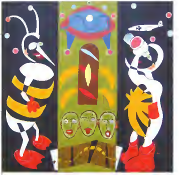

MASTER WORKS

Seven acrylic paintings and nearly 150 sketchbooks by the indefatigable Mr. Masterpiece appear at Pine Street Art Works this month in an exhibit entitled "The Seven Deadly Sins According to Mr. Masterpiece." Colorful figurative geometrism and guttural texts are the artist's calling cards. In a departure from the Sanskrit inspired verses in earlier exhibitions, some of his newest words are legible and in English. They're on view through August. Pictured: "Manchester U.K. 1545."

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KEVIN CONROY: Stained-glass pet portraits with their favorite toy imbedded. Through August 15 at Spectra Arts & Crafts (Pine Street) in Burlington. Info, 658-6858.

KRISTEN M. WATSON: "We Wish to See God: Places of Worship," photographs of the church used by the summer artist-in-residence, focusing on the spaces and devices used by Vermonters. Through August 31 at St. Paul's Cathedral in Burlington. Info, 864-0471.

LYNNE REARD: "Highlights of the Hermit Kingdom," in a style reminiscent of Georgia O'Keeffe. Pickering Room; and **DAVE DAVIDSON:** A career retrospective featuring works in glass, print and other media. Mezzanine Gallery and Pickering Room Display Case. Through August 31 at Fletcher Free Library in Burlington. Info, 865-7211.

MALTEX SHOW: The hallways of all four floors are filled with paintings by Valerie Hyde, Gregory Albright, Lee Arrington and Peter Whitmore, monoprints by Ron Lupfer and Carolyn Shattuck, photography by Don Rothwell, and sculpture and assemblages by Aaron Stein. Through August 31 at Maltex Building in Burlington. Info, 865-7166.

MARY CASSATT: FRIENDS AND FAMILY: More than 60 paintings by the great American Impressionist, on loan from private collections and other museums, explore the family theme. Talks about the works daily at 1:30 p.m. and every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. from July 3 to August 14 in the Webb Gallery. Through October 26 at Shelburne Museum in Shelburne. Info, 985-3348.

MR. MASTERPIECE: "The Seven Deadly Sins According to Mr. Masterpiece," abstracted and geometry-inspired acrylic paintings by the Burlington artist. Through August 31 at Pine Street Art Works in Burlington. Info, 399-5511.

'POWER OF ART: POWER TO VOTE': A portable mural of political cartoons is designed to encourage vote and civic responsibility, inspired by stories from community members and educators. Open to new contributions. Through August 31 at Fletcher Free Library in Burlington. Info, 865-7211.

'PUNK HOUSE': Photographs by Abby Banks of Brattleboro, of anarchic interiors of living quarters across the country filled with castoffs, salvaged furniture and electric music equipment and more; also, in the Back gallery, a "punk neighborhood" installation created by the Brattleboro-based art collective Tinderbox. Through September 27 at Firehouse Gallery in Burlington. Info, 865-7165.

RICK HAYES: "Best of Times, Worst of Times" — a show with features prints inspired by 9/11; the upstairs wall shows "Apparition," a photographic display of a glass sculpture "The Crystal City." Through August 29 at SEABA Gallery in Burlington. Info, 859-9222.

'STITCHED TOGETHER: QUILTS AND THEIR STORIES': Works from the permanent collection and the tales behind their creation and care. Through August 29 at Fleming Museum, UVM, in Burlington. Info, 656-0750.

'SUMMER SPLENDOR': Works by members of the Essex Art League. Through September 4 at Phoenix Books in Essex. Info, 872-7111.

WARREN KIMBLE'S AMERICA: A retrospective of the nationally known Vermont folk artist, including his new series, "Visions of War," and **'ART ON THE ROUND: SHELBURNE MUSEUM'S DENTZEL CAROUSEL':** Recently restored hand-carved figures as well as panels and vintage signs from a 1902 carousel; and **'GROWING GREEN':** An exploration of the creative uses of plants in contemporary design; and **'PURSE-ONALITY: HANDBAGS WITH ATTITUDE':** Hip, funny and stylish handbags; and **'DESIGN REWIND: THE ORIGINS OF INNOVATION':** Contemporary furniture and accessories compared with 18th- and 19th-century predecessors; and **'LOONYLAND: IT MIGHT BE CONTAGIOUS':** Soft creatures by plush artist Joshua Lange; and **'QUILTS IN BLOOM':** Stunning textile art from contemporary quilters; and Beach Lodge and Beach Gallery re-opened with new exhibitions of big game trophies, Adirondack camp furniture and photographs of the American West. Through October 26 at Shelburne Museum in Shelburne. Info, 985-3346.

'WATER WORKS': Water-inspired art and objects, from pitchers to lady water sprinklers to beach-resort photographs, from the permanent collection. Through August 24 at Fleming Museum, UVM, in Burlington. Info, 656-0750.

WILLA MANEY: Handmade, computer-free black-and-white photographs; **COLLEEN McILVANEY:** "Ugh-ly Beauty," oil paintings on linen; **K. LENORE SIMER:** "Light, Line, Color," paintings; and **JOY SPONTAK:** "Reimagining Memory," mixed media. Through October 31 at Artpath Gallery in Burlington. Info, 563-2273.

'WORLD VIEWS: PAINTING AND PHOTOGRAPHY': New Orleans paintings by Michael Sarnoe; "Hidden Beauty" photographs of the frozen lake by George Rooney; Vermont seasons paintings by Marilyn Maupley; and women of Senegal photographs by Mirabai Harris. Through August 31 at VCAM Studio in Burlington. Info, 651-9692.

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22ND ANNUAL QUILT EXHIBITION: More than 50 contemporary quilts made by quilters of Windsor County; quilting activities and demonstrations, and an exhibit of "challenge quilts" using just two fabric colors and a star design. Through September 21 at Billings Farm and Museum in Woodstock. Info, 457-2355.

'A FINE LINE': Prints by David Humbeck, Warrington Colescott and Ed Brown. Through September 3 at BigTown Gallery in Rochester. Info, 767-9670.

AMALIA VERALLI & HENRY ERIKSON: Photography of flowers and water, respectively. Through August 31 at Artisans' Gallery in Waitsfield. Info, 496-6257.

ANN HINKLE: "Critter Consortium," drawings of paintings, drawings and collages examining how the animals look at the world, relate to people and appear human. Through September 21 at The Lazy Pear Gallery in Montpelier. Info, 223-7680.

BIG RED BARN ART SHOW: The barn at Lareau Farm hosts one of the feature events of the Vermont Festival of the Arts with a group exhibit of more than 30 Mad River Valley artists. Open Thursday-Sunday. Through August 31 at American Flatbread in Waitsfield. Info, 496-4789.

BRIAN MOHR & EMILY JOHNSON: "Wild People, Wild Places 4: A Photographic Journey Through Vermont and Beyond," color and black-and-white photos of wild places and people interacting with them. Through September 29 at Governor's Office Gallery in Montpelier. Info, 496-5434.

BRIAN ZEIGLER & TARA JENSEN: "SHAMBA," an installation completed during a 24-hour drawing marathon explores home, endurance and the meaning of life. Through September 7 at Fort Cat Gallery & Studios in Montpelier. Info, 595-9754.

'CAPTURED ON GLASS': A photographic essay of life in the Mad River Valley, taken from glass negatives in the collection of the Waitsfield Historical Society. Includes a narrated, on-demand slide show. Through August 31 at General Wait House in Waitsfield. Info, 496-2027.

CATHY CONE: "Dreams, Portals, Birds and Fields," digital imaging and traditional printmaking. Through August 30 at Blake Memorial Library in East Corinth. Info, 439-5338.

'FEARLESS': Sculptures and paintings by G. Roy Levin, Colleen McCleary, Bob Mondo and Serge Olson. Through September 30 at Zollikofer Gallery in White River Junction. Info, 295-8008.

GARY ECKHART & BEARNE SKARLOW: Watercolors and fine art photography, respectively; the shared studio is open all month Thursday-Monday for the Vermont Festival of the Arts. Through August 31 at Moosewalk Studios in Warren. Info, 583-2224.

GRETCHEN ZIMMER: A tribute to Claude Monet, the waterlily paintings. Through August 31 at Rhapsody Café in Montpelier. Info, 229-6112.

HOWARD NELSON RILEY: "Riley Arts' Summer Time," paintings of flowers, seascapes and landscapes in bold colors to soothe the world. Through August 31 at The Cheshire Cat in Montpelier. Info, 223-1981.

JOHN BRICKELS: "Behr and Baby," clay sculptures, including a new series of ... Through August 24 at The Lazy Pear Gallery in Montpelier. Info, 223-7680.

LINDA MANEY: Abstract paintings. Through August 31 at Vermont Chocolatiers in Northfield. Info, 485-6104.

MAGGIE NEALE: "Musings in Color and Texture," mixed-media paintings using beeswax, oils, fabrics and papers that explore surface quality and what lies below. Through August 31 at City Center in Montpelier. Info, 229-9416.

MATT LARSON: Digital photographs of Vermont. Through August 31 at Axel's Frameshop in Waterbury. Info, 244-7801.

MISSY CARY STORROW & ROBIN LAHUE: "... Light," impressionistic images of the bridges of Montpelier in various media. Through August 31 at Westview Meadows in Montpelier. Info, 485-7727.

NANCY SCHADE: "Elements," paintings. Through August 19 at The Green Bean Art Gallery at Capitol Grounds in Montpelier. Info, artwhirled23@yahoo.com.

PAULA WOLCOTT: Expressive paintings focusing on cold-temperature light and movement. Through August 31 at Blinking Light Gallery in Plainfield. Info, 454-0848.

REBECCA GOTTESMAN: "Nature's Wonders," large oil landscape paintings by the Upper Valley artist. Through September 30 at Tip Top Cafe in White River Junction. Info, 350-7296.

'SELECTIONS 07/08': Selected works from the award-winning artists of the gallery's 2007-08 Local Artists show. Through August 24 at Chandler Gallery in Randolph. Info, 728-6474.

THOMPSON LEHNERT: The Kent State University emeritus professor specializes in water media: transparent watercolor, gouache, egg tempera and acrylic wash works. Through October 12 at Bundy Center for the Arts in Waitsfield. Info, 477-4781.

'WOMEN TO WATCH: FOUR PHOTOGRAPHERS': Photographic works by Bethany Bond, Lorraine Fright, Lynne Zanger Weinstein and collaborative pieces by Sarah Krapoh and Willow Ridg, curated by John Miller for the Vermont Committee of the National Museum of Women in the Arts. Through August 13 at Vermont Supreme Court Lobby in Montpelier. Info, 828-0749.

CATHY CONE: "Dreams, Portals, Birds and Fields," digital imaging and traditional printmaking. Through August 30 at Blake Memorial Library in East Corinth. Info, 439-5338.

champlain valley

BETHANY FARRELL: Multimedia paintings done during the past few years. Through August 15 at Bristol Bakery and Cafe in Bristol. Info, 453-3280.

CLAIRE CLAYMAN GEER: "Backyard Series," watercolors and watercolor monoprints featuring abstract and semi-abstract images inspired by the artist's backyard views. Through September 1 at Starry Night Café in Ferrisburgh. Info, 877-5518.

KIMBERLY ANN DECICCO: "Recent Works," vibrant paintings focused on familiar spaces. Through August 30 at Vermont Movement Foundation Offices & Gallery in Bristol. Info, 453-8533.

KIT DONNELLY & KAILA VAN VLIET: Abstract and Chinese brush paintings, jewelry and other media by Kit Donnelly, Kaila Van Vliet and other Addison County artists. Through October 17 at The Gallery at 45 North Street in Bristol. Info, 453-5813.

PAMELA SMITH: "See Me Fed," stylized figurative paintings. Through August 31 at Tully & Marie's in Middlebury. Info, 388-4182.

PAT MUSICK: Multimedia constructions that blend culture and nature. Through August 17 at Gallery-in-the-Field in Brandon. Info, 247-0125.

ROBIN KENT & BARBARA EPORAK: Humorous wall pieces and sculptures made from recycled wood that describe common experiences and human rituals, and new pottery inspired by botanical forms, respectively. Through August 17 at Brandon Artists' Guild in Brandon. Info, 247-4956.

TERRY ZIGMUND & REBECCA ZELIS: "Naturally Inspired," new glass works by the Burlington artist, and sterling jewelry by the Brandon-based metalsmith, respectively. Through August 15 at Art on Main in Bristol. Info, 453-4032.

'TIME WELL SPENT' Students of the Johnson State College advanced photography and digital media programs, mentored by John Miller, took these images of elder residents at the Craftsbury Community Care Center. Through September 6 at Vermont Folklife Center in Middlebury. Info, 388-4964.

'TOMBS, TEMPLES, PLACES AND TEA: CERAMICS IN ASIA AND BEYOND' An exhibit that explores the practical and social uses of ceramics. Through December 7 at Mahaney Center for the Arts, Middlebury College Museum of Art in Middlebury. Info, 443-5007.

northern

ANNE CADY "Heart to Hand," new paintings that pay homage to the beauty of Vermont. Through August 31 at Seven Mountain Fine Art Gallery in Stowe. Info, 253-1818.

AUGUST FEATURED ARTISTS Paintings, hand-pulled prints, bath and hand-blown glass vessels by local artists Melissa Hanekman, Ric de Laga, Keith McAdams and David Gates. Through August 31 at Artist in Residence Cooperative Gallery in Enosburg Falls. Info, 933-6403.

CAROLYN ERNST & JEFF WEE The New York City and Northeast Kingdom artists show paintings about Vermont and from a series called "Girl Words," respectively. Wee also shows masks he has made over 30 years in Vermont using local materials. Through August 31 at White Water Gallery in East Hardwick. Info, 563-2037.

COOPERATIVE GALLERY SHOW Artwork by the 24 gallery members includes all styles of painting, collage, three-dimensional works and artwearable. Through October 31 at Jacob Walker Art Gallery in Morristown. Info, 244-6448.

CRISTINA PELLECHIO & ESME THOMPSON The ceramic artist and painter show an exhibit in the East Gallery. Through August 30 at Helen Day Art Center in Stowe. Info, 253-8358.

'EXPOSED' 2008 Curated by Meg McDevitt, the annual group outdoor sculpture show features works by more than two dozen artists, on the gallery lawn and sited around town. Maps of sculpture locations at the gallery and the Stowe Area Association office. Through October 11 at Helen Day Art Center in Stowe. Info, 253-8358.

FRANKLIN COUNTY ARTISTS A group exhibition of works in all media by established and emerging artists including Deborah Benert, Robert Chapman Jr., David Quaire, Lisamarie Charlesworth, Erika Martell and Langlea Smolinski. Through October 1 at Stuart Gallery in St. Albans. Info, 524-5700.

GALEN CHENEY "Internal Combustion," new abstract paintings; **LUCY PETRIE:** Pastel paintings; and works by other gallery members. Through September 7 at West Branch Gallery and Sculpture Park in Stowe. Info, 253-8943.

GARY ECKHART, ELIZABETH ALLEN & ROBERT Z. ALLEN "Quintessential Vermont," floral landscape paintings in watercolor, oil and acrylic, respectively. Through August 31 at Vermont Fine Art Gallery in Stowe. Info, 253-9653.

GEORGE SELLECK "Forbidden Fruit," sensual paintings of fruit and vegetables, in oil and acrylic. Through August 24 at McCarthy's Restaurant in Stowe. Info, 253-4368.

HELMUT SIBER Paintings by the late German-born artist. Proceeds of sales will benefit the Fairbanks Museum. Through August 23 at Northeast Kingdom Artisans' Guild Backroom Gallery in St. Johnsbury. Info, 626-6287.

JOHNSON OUTDOOR SCULPTURE SHOW Sixteen artists contribute 3-D works to a walkable sculpture exhibit around town. Maps of sites at participating locations and at www.townofjohnson.com. Through October 20 at various locations in Johnson. Info, 730-3134.

KATHLEEN MANLEY "New England Views," oil landscape paintings. Through August 12 at Emile A. Gruppe Gallery in Jericho. Info, 899-3211.

southern

JANET FISH "Into the Light," contemporary realist paintings that explore the action of light on objects, by the Vermont artist. In the Elizabeth de C. Wilson Museum. Through September 21 at Southern Vermont Arts Center in Manchester. Info, 362-1405.

MARC AWODEY Avante-and Seven Days art critic shows his new work in acrylic. Through September 12 at Feick Arts Center in Poultney. Info, 287-8000.

'ALMA-TADEMA AND ANTIQUITY: IMAGINING CLASSICAL SCULPTURE IN LATE-19TH-CENTURY BRITAIN' A display focused on the museum's most important 19th-century European painting, "The Sculpture Gallery" (1874), by Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema, along with related prints, photos and other objects. Through September 28 at Hood Museum, Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. Info, 603-646-2426.

MARTIN CHEFFINS & YUKI ISHII The Class of 2007 Dartmouth College grads and recipients of the Perspective in Design Award show large-scale sculpture and mixed-media works, respectively. Through September 7 at Jaffe-Friede & Strauss Galleries in Hanover, N.H. Info, 603-646-3651.

'WARRIORS & ENTERTAINERS' Japanese woodblock ukiyo-e prints from the 17th to late 19th centuries, representing actors, courtesans and warriors. Through October 26 at The Allen T. Milne Museum in Chazy, N.Y. Info, 518-846-7336.

'COUNTRY MOUSE/CITY MOUSE' A group exhibition of sculpture, paintings and ceramics by nine artists from the North Country and New York City; and "IN THE TRADITION OF THE BALLET RUSSE" Photographs and memorabilia celebrating the collaboration of dance and the visual artist, featuring the centennial of Diaghilev's company. Through August 16 at Norte Maar in Rouses Point, N.Y. Info, 518-314-1010.

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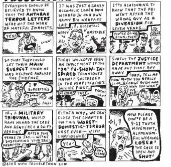
BY LLOYD DANGLE


EVERYBODY SHOULD BE RELIEVED TO KNOW THAT THE ANTHRAX TERROR LETTERS WERE NOT THE WORK OF HATEFUL JIHADISTS.
YES!
CLICK!
IT WAS JUST A CRAZY ALCOHOLIC LONER WHO WORKED IN OUR OWN ARMY BIO WARFARE LAB
WEIRDY
ECCENTRIC
UNSTABLE
IT'S REASSURING TO KNOW THAT THE FBI WENT AFTER THE WRONG GUY AS A DIVERSION FOR SEVEN YEARS
YOU'RE GOING DOWN, PUNK
SO THAT THEY COULD LET THEIR MAIN SUSPECT THINK HE WAS HELPING ANALYZE THE EVIDENCE
I ♥ SORORITIES
SHAKE
THERE WOULD'VE BEEN AN INDICTMENT IF THE "24" TV-SHOW-INSPIRED TECHNIQUES HADN'T SUCCEEDED IN THE PERPETRATOR'S SUICIDE FIRST.
GO JACK!
TAKE THAT!
PUNCH
SURELY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE PUT THAT GUY AWAY
OKAY, TELL ME HOW MUCH YOU REALLY LOVE GEORGE BUSH AND WHY YOU WANT THE JOB!
OR, A MILITARY TRIBUNAL WOULD HAVE HEARD THE CASE AND RENDERED A SWIFT VERDICT
AFTER FIVE YEARS IN JAIL—WE'RE SUSPENDING YOUR TAXI MEDALLION
EITHER WAY, WE CAN CLOSE THE CHAPTER ON THIS WORST-DOMESTIC-TERROR CASE EVER—WITH CONFIDENCE!
YEA!
OH YEAH
NOW PLEASE DON'T BE A 9-11 TRUTH MOVEMENT, ALUMINUM-FOIL WEARING LOSER! THE CASE IS OPEN AND SHUT!
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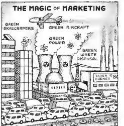


IdiotBOX

Matt Bors

HILLARY OFFERS HER UNQUALIFIED PRAISE OF BARACK OBAMA
BARACK IS A GREAT AND HONORABLE CANDIDATE
AND HE'S THE LAST MAN IN WASHINGTON WHO HASN'T CHEATED ON HIS WIFE WITH A MISTRESS, CALL GIRL OR A GUY ON A TOILET
AS FAR AS I KNOW
BORS

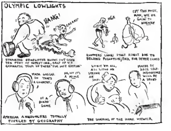
OGG'S WORLD

Doug Ogg

Darn it Mikey! Why can't you just scribble on the walls like other kids?
DOUG OGG

Michaelangelo as a boy

LULU EIGHTBALL


OLYMPIC LOWLIGHTS
BANG!
GAAAASP
STRAINING DEADLIFTER BLOWS OUT COLON TEN FEET OF INTESTINE, HALF OF U.S. GYMNASTIC TEAM UP THERE "FOR SAFE KEEPING"
NGK
EFF THIS NOISE, MAN, WE OR GOIN TO NORWAY
RUNNERS LUNGS STAGE REVOLT DUE TO BEIJING POLLUTION, BAIL FOR BETTER CLIMES
MADA GASCAR. SO THAT'S A COUNTRY.
NO, NO IT'S A MOVIE
OR A BOARD GAME
AMERICAN ANNOUNCERS TOTALLY FOOLED BY GEOGRAPHY
LOOKIT 'EM ALL, ALL LITHE AN STRONG AN SHI-
MAYBE BY 2012 SELF-INDULGENCE WILL BE A SPORT
THE SHAPING OF THE HOME VIEWER

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Britney, Paris Air Savage Anti-McCain Ad

Just days after Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) broadcast an anti-Obama ad in which he compared the presumptive Democratic nominee to celebrities Paris Hilton and Britney Spears, the two tabloid mainstays fought back with an eviscerating anti-McCain spot of their own.

While Spears and Hilton said they had planned to remain on the sidelines during the 2008 presidential campaign, Sen. McCain's negative ad "left us no choice" but to respond to the candidate's attack, the notorious party gals said today.

"We don't mind John McCain going after us if he sticks to the facts," Ms. Spears said at a New York press conference. "But we are sick of the distortions about our record."

Ms. Hilton said that the McCain ad appeared to link herself and Ms. Spears to Sen. Obama, leading the casual viewer to conclude that the three of them had "the same energy policy."

"Nothing could be further from the truth," said Ms. Spears. "Both of us strongly favor off-shore drilling to reduce our dependence on foreign oil."

Ms. Hilton said she was also "offended" by the implication that she and Ms. Spears favor a tax on electricity: "We have both been very clear on that issue."

In their anti-McCain spot, the two starlets fight fire with fire, comparing Sen. McCain to the Joker from the smash hit film "The Dark Knight." "It's perfectly fair," Ms. Spears said of the ad. "They both have pasty white faces and totally creepy smiles."

Elsewhere, Chinese Olympic officials confiscated the poles of the pole-vaulting team to prevent athletes from going over the wall.

> **They both have pasty white faces and totally creepy smiles.**
>
> BRITNEY SPEARS

Award-winning humorist, television personality and film actor Andy Borowitz is author of the new book The Republican Playbook. To find out more about Andy Borowitz and read his past columns, visit www.borowitzreport.com

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sudoku BY LINDA THISTLE

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ = Moderate ★★ = Challenging ★★★ = Hoo, boy!

PUZZLE ANSWERS FOR SUDOKU AND CROSSWORD ON PAGE 37B

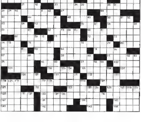
SEVEN DAYS crossword

ACROSS

1 Pinza or Chaliapin
5 Fire hose feature
8 Page
12 — pants
17 Relative of PDQ
18 Crude cartel
20 Comic Rudner
21 It's down in the mouth
22 Connecticut senator
24 Colombo's country
26 Swiss mule?
27 Rustic sight
28 Villainous Luthor
30 51
31 "Nightmare" street
33 "Pelleas et Melisande" composer
38 Armada
43 About
44 Big light?
45 August era
46 Watchband
48 Say "Hey!"
50 Drummer Buddy
53 Cold war accord
55 Scrabble piece
57 Ring one?
58 Here's a horse
60 Actress Slezak
62 Stopped in one's tracks
66 Singer Elvis
69 Scandinavian
71 Handy bit of Latin
72 — Jima
73 Window part
74 — Eyes ('79 hit)
76 "New Look" couturier
80 Cambodia's Lon —
81 Articulated
83 Children [illegible]
84 Art deco name
85 Clementi composition
87 Fit neatly
89 Philter from a [illegible]
91 He had a [illegible] complex
94 Pennsylvania sect
95 Velvet finish
97 Tragic fate
100 They speak for themselves
101 Vision center
103 Chuckle
105 Photo book
107 Trains transport
109 Subordinate Claus?
110 Football's Aikman
112 Architect, for instance
114 "The Descent of Man" author
120 Fumble
121 Empty (of)
122 Wagner's "— fliegende Holländer"
123 Sneaks peeks
126 Comes
130 Removes the cork
133 1974 Tony-winning actress
137 "Killer Tomatoes" sound
138 Fiddled (with)
139 Screenwriter James
140 [illegible]
141 Like the kitchen sink
142 Rocket's ticket
143 Scrape by with "out"
144 Action figure

DOWN

1 Big name in Baroque
2 '89 US Open winner
3 Amritsar attire
4 Miss Muffet's nemesis
5 Word with cheese or toast
6 Homer's field
7 Bawled
8 Cease
9 "Evil Woman" rockers
10 Confuse
11 Lost luster
12 Wheel part
13 "Hi, Horace!"
14 Purest pups
15 Inventor Howe
16 Actor Patinkin
19 Stylish
20 Bathed in butter
23 Corn holders
24 Actress Joyce
26 Makes one's mark
32 Swimmer Biondi
34 Multipurpose vehicle
35 Lamebrain
36 Flop
37 Joins forces
38 Different
39 Around the corner
40 Covent Garden conductor
41 Dernier —
42 Grapefruit serving
47 Shimon of Israel
49 Clear
51 "The Power of Love" singer
52 Opening remark?
54 Tyson stat
57 Crockett colleague
59 TV's "My Living —"
61 Eyebrow shape
63 Aquatic mammal
64 Former African nation
65 Hang [illegible]
67 Santa's problem
68 Mets' milieu
70 Singer Maresca
74 Fountain order
75 Luncheonette fare
77 Gentleman of leisure?
78 "Pagliacci" soprano
79 Pirate's quaff
82 Platt or Pearson
86 Indistinct
88 Tenor Georges
90 Auctioneer's cry
92 43,560 square feet
93 Catamaran, for one
96 Part of NB
98 UK honor
99 Ruminate
102 Legendary Bruin
104 Used a divining rod
106 High spirits
108 Nourished
111 Surprised shout
113 Terra firma
114 Misfortune
115 Hefty hardware
116 Writer Rogers St. Johns
117 Factions
118 Sag
119 1492 vessel
124 Brink
125 Pursue
127 The Chipmunks, e.g.
128 Famed first family
129 Galaxy glitterer
131 Short snooze
132 Hog heaven?
134 Caustic substance
135 Page's — Zeppelin
136 Diminutive



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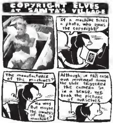
If a machine takes a photo, who owns the copyright?
The manufacturer of the machines?
No way But maybe the owners of the machine?
Although in this case our movement down the slide triggered the camera. So in a sense, we took the picture of ourselves

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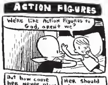
ACTION FIGURES


We're like Action Figures to God, aren't we?
But how come her never plays with us?
Her should play with us.

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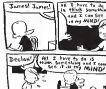
SUPERPOWER


James! James!
All I have to do is think something and I can see it in my MIND!
Declan!
All I have to do is think something and I can see it in my MIND!

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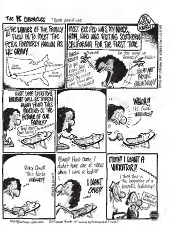
The K Chronicles
"Good Vibrations"
By Keith Knight
The ladies of the family flew in to meet the fetus formerly known as Lil' Gravy
From Seattle
From Massachusetts
From Anthony!
Most excited was my niece, Amy, who was visiting Southern California for the first time
Uncle Keef!!
(11 yrs old)
Do you know Ben Stiller?? I told my class I knew Ben Stiller!!
Do you shop in Beverly Hills?
You're not paying attention!!
What deep spiritual insight will be taken away from this meeting of the future of our family?
Amy, meet your cousin
WHOA!! His chair vibrates!!
Holy Cow!! This feels GREAT!!
Mom!! How come I didn't have one of these when I was a kid?!!
I WANT ONE!!
MOM!! I WANT A VIBRATOR!!
I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship!!

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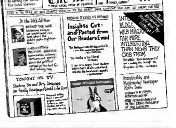
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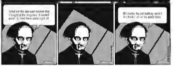
RED MEAT
transmogrification of the torpid
from the secret files of Max Cannon
I tried out this new wart remover that I bought at the drugstore. It worked great... burned them warts right off
Of course, my pet bulldog wasn't too thrilled about the whole thing

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august 14–20

BY ROB BREZSNY

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Golden Globe-winning actress Edith Evans had some advice for actors who were just coming into their full power: "Don't indulge yourself by showing off the moment that you begin to find that you can do something well; you must control it and do it more selectively." This recommendation would serve you well in the coming weeks, Aries, no matter what your work is. You have reached a higher level of self-expression; you have achieved a degree of mastery in a skill you've been struggling to learn. Now it's time to practice wielding your new command with enhanced discernment and discipline. (Evans' quote comes from John Gielgud's book *An Actor and His Time*.)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): By the time Cal was seven years old, he was lit up with a desire to know how things work. Sometimes that caused problems. When he dismantled the toaster to examine its innards, for instance, his parents reprimanded him. In a working-class family of 12 kids, losing a valued appliance caused a financial crunch. But Cal kept taking things apart to understand them better. In time his research led him to develop a skill for putting things back together again, often in better shape than they were before he got a hold of them. As an adult, Cal creates interactive robots that perform in shows all over the world; he's a master builder. I hope you'll try a telescoped version of his story in the coming week, Taurus: disassembling stuff in order to ultimately make it work even better.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus advises his disciples to be "as shrewd as serpents and as innocent as doves" as they do their work in the world. (A different translation says "as wise as serpents and harmless as doves.") That's the two-toned attitude I suggest you embody in the coming week, Gemini. Evaluate every situation with all the cunning at your disposal, but don't act like a scheming strategist. Rather, be open-hearted and humble, almost child-like in your willingness to see with fresh eyes. Mastering this combination will allow you to avoid the pitfalls and reap the blessings of the paradoxes you encounter.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A teacher at an [illegible] Japanese elementary school decided her class would put on a performance of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. But when she selected a certain student to play Snow White, the parents of the other 24 kids went ballistic. Through a campaign of harassment, they bullied the teacher into changing the script so that there would be 25 Snow Whites, no dwarfs, and no wicked witch. In my opinion, that's the wrong way to apply democratic principles. I'm more anti-hierarchical than anyone I know, and yet even I would draw the line at, say, no more than five Snow Whites. Please be vigilant for the possibility that a similar misapplication of egalitarianism will take place in your personal sphere. Make sure there's at least one dwarf.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Douglas Engelbart got the idea for the computer mouse in 1950 and actually invented it in 1964. But it was slow to be recognized for the brilliant technology it was, and didn't begin to reach a mass audience for another 20 years. Luckily, he was persistent, never losing faith in his vision. I suspect you're on the cusp of a comparable experience, Leo. One of your good ideas is either ahead of its time or beyond the capacity of your cohorts to imagine. I'm sure you won't have to wait as long as Engelbart did, but the fruition of your brainchild may take more time than you'd like. Let's see how dogged and determined you can be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do you believe in invisible things? No? You say you only trust information that comes to you through your five senses? Then what's your position on radio waves, infrared light, electricity, and X-rays? Do you believe in them, even though your senses have no contact with them whatsoever? It's true that scientists have developed instruments that detect those invisible things. But what if there are other hidden forces and secret energies the scientists have yet to develop instruments to find? Let these thoughts be the starting point for your meditations in the coming week, Virgo. It's prime time for you to recognize, engage with, and benefit from what has been concealed from you up until now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Twenty years ago I ran for city council in Santa Cruz, California. As one of my campaign promises, I told voters I would regularly consult with the spirit of America's third president, Thomas Jefferson, with whom I'd established a telepathic rapport. I fell a few hundred votes short of winning a council seat, but I kept my pledge anyway: I've been communing with Jefferson ever since. Last night I met with him in my dreams. I told him you're in an astrological phase that's favorable for seeking out new teachers and teachings, and I asked if he had any advice. He suggested that you do what I do: Have conversations, either in dreams or fantasies, with an historical figure you deeply respect.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The most striking feature on the planet Jupiter is the Great Red Spot, a storm that resembles a giant unblinking eye. It has lasted over 300 years and is wider than the planet Earth. I invite you to regard it as your symbol of power in the coming weeks. Think of it whenever you'd like to use your eyes to see in bigger and better ways, or whenever you want to draw on the impersonal power of a beautiful storm, or whenever you'd like to transform some disturbance in your life into a long-lived source of dazzling energy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): For over a decade, members of the worldwide Garden Gnome Liberation Front have been stealing garden gnomes from the yards of people's homes and relocating them into their natural home in the forests. While I admire their panache, I can't in good conscience advise you to join their ranks. Your instinct for freedom is exceptionally high these days, true, but it would be a shame to waste it on helping inanimate objects. Instead, please devote your tremendous emancipatory energies to practical causes and living beings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It's clear to me that a part of you needs to come out of hiding. I'm not exactly sure what that means, though. Maybe there's a talent you've buried that's ready to emerge into the light. It could be that a question you've been trying to ignore is finally ripe to be asked. Perhaps you've been stoically putting up with a tweaked situation that you really should rise up and transform. What do you think it is, Capricorn?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): My favorite places on the Moon are the *Sea of Clouds*, *Sea of Fertility*, *Sea of Ingenuity*, and *Sea of Nectar*. They're not actual bodies of water. The old astronomers who named them didn't know they were actually dark plains formed by ancient volcanic eruptions. But the great thing about the moon is that it piques our imagination and massages our dreams as much as it speaks to our rational minds. And I encourage you to take advantage of that power now. Here's one possible way: Daydream a story about a heroic quest in which you acquire four magical boons, one each at the *Sea of Clouds*, *Sea of Fertility*, *Sea of Ingenuity*, and *Sea of Nectar*.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Tony Blair, former Prime Minister of the UK, chose an unlikely context to propose marriage to his future wife. She was kneeling in front of the toilet wielding a scrub brush. I expect a comparable event in your near future, Pisces: An appealing invitation or big opening will come your way while you're in a humble position. The only advice I have is to put down your scrub brush before responding.

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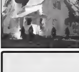

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movie reviews

Pineapple Express ★★★½

JOINT VENTURE **Rogen and Franco play stoners on the run.**

Over the past several months, one promising comedy after another has failed to live up to expectations. From the forgettable *Forgetting Sarah Marshall* and the Farrellys' pointless update of *The Heartbreak Kid* to anything with Will Ferrell in it since *Talladega Nights*, the latest efforts from Hollywood's most reliable laugh masters have consistently proved half baked. The new movie from the folks who brought you *Superbad* is totally baked. But in this case, that's a good thing.

Seth Rogen and writing partner Evan Goldberg have teamed up with producer Judd Apatow and indie director David Gordon Green (*George Washington*) to engineer an entirely new strain of motion picture: the stoner action comedy. Rogen, who I'd say is fast approaching national treasure status, also costars in the role of a twentysomething process server with a trunkful of disguises, a girlfriend who's still in high school and a fondness for herb.

Early in the film, this fondness necessitates a pop-in at the disheveled pad of his dealer, played by James Franco. The role is a departure for the young actor best known for his portrayal of sensitive, brooding types. He reinvents himself here as a blissfully fried man-child while unveiling comedy chops that are the equal of any Apatow troupe members.

In the key setup scene, Franco offers to sell Rogen some Pineapple Express, a new superweed his supplier has just given him exclusive rights to purvey. It's a hilarious sequence that establishes the movie's comic tone. The dealer, for example, muses giddily that his new stash is almost too precious to smoke: "Doing so is like killing a unicorn."

Shortly thereafter, parked outside the home of the last person he has to serve that day, Rogen enjoys a toke and finds himself witnessing an actual killing. On the other side of a glass wall, an Asian man in a suit is shot to death by a female police officer and a cruel-looking fellow in a bathrobe. They in turn witness Rogen tossing his roach out the car window and speeding away. And he would've got away clean had the gunman not been the guy who sold Franco the Pineapple Express.

He's a drug lord played by Gary Cole, and with one sniff of the spliff he knows where to go. Fortunately for the doobie brothers, Rogen is one step ahead of him. He and Franco go on the lam (bring only essential supplies — snacks, Fruit Roll-Ups!) and, for the next hour-plus, attempt to elude the hitmen Cole sends after them.

Like any proper stoner film, *Pineapple Express* isn't so much about plot as it is about non sequitur and creative digression. One minute the two buds are running for their lives. The next they're parked deep in a forest reserve, lighting up and speculating about the methods the crime boss might employ to track them ("heat-seeking missiles ... barracuda"). Naturally, they get so high they forget to turn off the car lights before they fall asleep, so the next day they're forced to run for their lives on foot.

Almost by accident, they wind up at the home of Rogen's teenaged girlfriend (Amber Heard) the night *after* he was supposed to come for a meet-the-parents dinner. Filthy, bleeding, stoned and believing he has the date right, he makes a gobsmackingly unfavorable impression. Mom and Dad are even less taken with him after he advises them to vacate the premises at once and seek shelter at a motel under an assumed name to protect their daughter from the killers following close behind.

The movie's final act mixes comedy and graphic violence in a way I'm not sure we've witnessed before. The one-liners fly and continue to hit their marks, as do some of the bullets that hail from all directions when Rogen and Franco fall ass-backwards into a face-off with Cole and his army at a secluded hideout. It's a remarkable bit of filmmaking, in that moments of brain-damaged humor and buddy-film bonding never for a second seem out of sync with carnage so bloody it could have been choreographed by Quentin Tarantino.

So, for the moment anyway, the most reliable source for a Hollywood hoot, the go-to guy for a good laugh at the movies, would appear to be Seth Rogen. You can count the industry's functioning writer-performers on one hand. But now, on the heels of *Knocked Up* and *Superbad*, *Pineapple Express* suggests it's safe to approach Rogen's work with hopes as high as any of the characters he's played.

RICK KISONAK

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 ★★½

FLY GIRLS **The gang of four gives FedEx lots of business in this female-bonding sequel.**

Ah, the perfect boy. Sensitive to the nuances of art, literature and emotion — which doesn't scare him one bit — he's also as valiant and attentive as any old-time white knight, quick to help the lady of his choice fulfill her dreams while putting his own on hold. Unfortunately, such fine young men don't seem to exist outside female coming-of-age fiction, where they serve the same purpose as the mature, grounded "hotties" who work their magic on man-children in movies such as *Knocked Up*.

With its usual quotient of four protagonists, the sequel to the 2005 film based on Ann Brashares' best-selling young adult novels features not one but three of these fantasy boys. Luckily, *Pants 2* also boasts energetic performances and an unpretentious charm that's refreshing after the urban gloss and labored wit of *Sex and the City*.

Best friends since childhood, the four heroines do something that might make Carrie Bradshaw and her friends shudder: They share their favorite item of clothing. The beat-up jeans of the title inexplicably — or "magically," if you will — fit stick-thin aspiring artist Lena (Alexis Bledel), willowy soccer star Bridget (Blake Lively), funky-styled, average-sized Tibby (Amber Tamblyn) and full-figured academic star Carmen (America Ferrera). And they all look great in them.

The film starts with the young women's discovery that they've made separate plans for their first summer after college, which means they'll be mailing the pants back and forth to spread the love. (Like Fight Club, the Pants Sisterhood appears to impose a litany of other "rules," but the sequel doesn't make us privy to them.) Lena and Tibby are taking summer classes in NYC. Bridget is digging up ancient Greek bones in Turkey, and Carmen is following her snotty Yale friend to an elite theater festival in Bristol, Vermont. (Poetic license?) Naturally, none of these glamorous summer pursuits turns out quite as expected. The girls' bonds feel the strain of distance, and many growing-up experiences are had.

Directed by music video veteran Sanaa Hamri, the movie goes straight for its target demo of female tweens and teens without offering much to thrill or offend anyone else. All four leads have ample TV experience and know how to connect with the audience — and one another — in pleasant, no-nonsense ways. The best performance and the meatiest story belong to Tamblyn as Tibby, the grumpy video-store-clerk-slash-film student. She wears her thrift-shop chic well and has a boyfriend (Leonardo Nam), who bears the distinction of being a non-nerdy Asian character in a Hollywood film. After losing her virginity, Tibby develops in predictable but still poignant ways. "I'm like a guy — I suck at relationships," she moans. To which her "sister" Lena replies cheekily, "If you were a guy, you wouldn't care that you sucked at relationships."

The other stories follow well-trodden paths, steering clear of uncomfortable topics. Lena has to "choose" between the boy she left in Greece and an attractive art student who — it's gently and far too subtly implied — isn't interested in a serious relationship. While his character seems to exist only to shepherd shy Lena into sexual maturity, Carmen is the one who benefits most from the attentions of a fantasy boy. A handsome Brit (Tom Wisdom) flirts with her and tricks her into auditioning for the lead in *The Winter's Tale* — which, naturally, she wins over her WASP princess frenemy. Ferrera does nicely with the Shakespeare, and there's a fine message here about taking risks. But with a selfless guy as its deus ex machina, the story comes off as wish fulfillment. No one ever asks *why* Carmen didn't want to audition. (Could it be that, *Ugly Betty* aside, plum roles still go disproportionately to ectomorphic blondes?)

Someday maybe Hollywood will start making chick flicks that are as comically and depressingly real as, say, the boyfriend travails of Lindsay Weir in "Freaks and Geeks." Until then, *Pants 2* is passable summer fun for young women who know how rare it is to find friends — and mates — who are a perfect fit.

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STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS: The three *Star Wars* prequels were only *mostly* computer animated. Set between *Attack of the Clones* and *Revenge of the Sith*, back when Anakin Skywalker was still a good Jedi, this one replaces Hayden Christensen, Natalie Portman and the rest with digital avatars and new voice actors. Some would say that's an improvement. With the voices of Matt Lanter, Ashley Eckstein and James Arnold Taylor. Dave Filoni directs. (98 min, PG. Bijou, Essex, Majestic, Palace, Paramount, Sunset, Welden)

TROPIC THUNDER: In this Hollywood satire, a crew on location shooting the most expensive war movie ever produced finds itself caught in a real conflict. Ben Stiller plays the action star, Robert Downey Jr. is the Method Actor and Jack Black is the slob comedian. With Nick Nolte and Brandon T. Jackson. Stiller co-wrote and directed. (108 min, R. Capitol, Essex, Majestic, Marquis, Palace, Roxy, Stowe, Sunset, Welden)

VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA: Scarlett Johansson continues to be Woody Allen's muse in his "love letter to Barcelona," the story of two American tourists (Johansson and Rebecca Hall) who become amorously entwined with a painter (Javier Bardem) and his passionately jealous wife (Penelope Cruz). (91 min, PG-13. Roxy)

SHORTS

BRIDESHEAD REVISITED★★1/2 Matthew Goode and Ben Whishaw star in this screen adaptation of the acclaimed Evelyn Waugh novel about a young Englishman's experiences with a noble but troubled family. Hayley Atwell, Emma Thompson and Michael Gambon costar. Julian Jarrold directs. (120 min, PG-13. Palace, Savoy)

GONZO: THE LIFE AND WORK OF DR. HUNTER S. THOMPSON★★★1/2 The latest documentary from prolific director Alex (*Taxi to the Dark Side*) Gibney paints a portrait of the pioneering journalist through interviews with contemporaries and friends ranging from Jann Wenner to Jimmy Carter. (120 min, R. Roxy)

HANCOCK★★1/2 Will Smith stars in this long-gestated action comedy about a grinchy alcoholic with superpowers who saves people's lives when he isn't busy pissing them off. With Jason Bateman, Charlize Theron and Johnny Galecki. Peter Berg directs. (100 min, PG-13. Essex, Majestic, Sunset)

IRON MAN★★★★ Robert Downey Jr. plays a billionaire who constructs a suit of high-tech armor to fight crime in this Marvel Comics adaptation from director Jon Favreau. With Gwyneth Paltrow, Terrence Howard and Jeff Bridges. (126 min, PG-13. Sunset)

JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH★★★1/2 Brendan Fraser stars in this adaptation of the classic Jules Verne novel in which a science professor discovers never-before-seen worlds and bizarre life forms deep beneath the planet's surface. Anita Briem costars. Eric Brevig directs. (93 min, PG. Majestic)

KIT KITTREDGE: AN AMERICAN GIRL★★★1/2 Abigail Breslin stars in this first feature based on the bestselling *American Girl* series. The Oscar nominee plays a resourceful young woman who solves a mystery and saves her family's home during the Great Depression. Stanley Tucci, Joan Cusack and Julia Ormond costar. Patricia Rozema directs. (98 min, G. Majestic, Palace)

MAMMA MIA!★★ If you've ever longed to watch Oscar-winning actress Meryl Streep sing ABBA's greatest hits, your dream has finally come true. She joins a cast that includes Colin Firth, Julie Walters and Pierce Brosnan in bringing the popular tribute musical to the big screen. Phyllida Lloyd directs. (109 min, PG-13. Big Picture, Bijou, Capitol, Essex, Majestic, Marquis, Palace, Roxy, Stowe, Sunset, Welden)

MONGOL★★★1/2 From director Sergei Bodrov comes the epic tale of a warrior who makes it his mission to unite the Mongol people under one leader. With Tadanobu Asano. (124 min, R. Palace)

PINEAPPLE EXPRESS★★★1/2 Seth Rogen and James Franco play a stoner and his dealer on the run from crooked cops in this action comedy hybrid penned by the team behind *Superbad* (Rogen, Evan Goldberg and Judd Apatow). David Gordon Green directs. But will it play at 4:20? (112 min, R. Capitol, Essex, Majestic, Palace, Roxy, Sunset, Welden)

SPACE CHIMPS★★ Andy Samberg, Jeff Daniels and Cheryl Hines are among the voice cast in this animated comedy about monkeys on a dangerous mission to help inhabitants of a distant planet. Cowritten and directed by Kirk De Micco. (81 min, G. Majestic, Marquis)

STEP BROTHERS★★1/2 Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly re-team following the success of *Talladega Nights*. This time around, the two play middle-aged slackers forced to cohabitate when the parents they live with marry each other. Adam (*Anchorman*) McKay directs. (97 min, R. Bijou, Capitol, Essex, Majestic, Palace, Paramount, Sunset)

SWING VOTE★★ Kevin Costner stars in this comedy about a lovable loser who winds up in a position to cast the deciding vote in a presidential election. Kelsey Grammer costars. Joshua Michael Stern cowrote and directed. (112 min, PG-13. Majestic)

THE DARK KNIGHT★★★★ Christopher Nolan directs this follow-up to *Batman Begins* in which the caped crusader faces off against the Joker. Christian Bale and Heath Ledger star. With Michael Caine, Aaron Eckhart, Gary Oldman and Maggie Gyllenhaal. (152 min, PG-13. Big Picture, Bijou, Capitol, Essex, Majestic, Marquis, Palace, Roxy, Stowe, Sunset, Welden)

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THE INCREDIBLE HULK★★★ The latest screen version of the popular comic features Edward Norton and focuses on military attempts to misappropriate the Green One's super powers. With Liv Tyler and Tim Roth. Directed by Louis Leterrier. (112 min, PG-13. St. Albans Drive-In)

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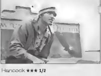

Hancock ★★★ 1/2

Smith plays a hero on the brink,
In this flick that won't make you think
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Played right from the heart
But Bateman's act isn't in sync.

THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2★★1/2 Three years have passed since the first film based on Ann Brashares' popular YA books, and all four actresses playing the self-chosen "sisters" (Amber Tamblyn, Alexis Bledel, America Ferrera and Blake Lively) have found fame on the small screen. Now they're back for the sequel, in which the gal pals head off to separate colleges. Sanaa Hamri directs. (117 min, PG-13. Bijou, Capitol, Essex, Majestic, Palace)

THE WACKNESS★★★ Josh Peck and Ben Kingsley are paired in writer-director Jonathan Levine's comedy about the friendship forged between a teenaged pot dealer and the shrink he pays with weed — set in 1994. Famke Janssen costars. (95 min, R. Roxy)

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WALL-E★★★★ Fred Willard, Sigourney Weaver and John Ratzenberger are among the voice cast in Pixar's computer-animated comedy about a robot left behind on Earth when humankind is forced to relocate. Directed by Andrew Stanton. (103 min, G. Capitol, Essex, Majestic, Palace, Sunset)

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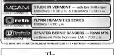

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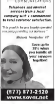

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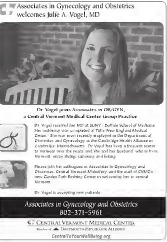

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friday 15 — thursday 21
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friday 15 — thursday 21
***Tropic Thunder** 1:30, 6:30, 9 **Pineapple Express** 1:30, 6:50, 9 **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** 1:30, 6:50 **Step Brothers** 9 **Mamma Mia!** 1:30, 6:50 **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** 9 **The Dark Knight** 6:15, 9 **WALL-E** 1:30

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friday 15 — thursday 21
***Mirrors** 12, 2:30, 5, 7:25, 9:45 ***Star Wars: The Clone Wars** 12:15, 2:30, 4:40, 7, 9:30 ***Tropic Thunder** 12:50, 2:50, 5:10, 7:50, 9:45 **The Dark Knight** 12:40, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50 **Mamma Mia!** 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40 **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** 10 **Pineapple Express** 12:10, 2:45, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50 **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** 1, 4, 7:15, 9:45 **Step Brothers** 12:50, 3, 5:15, 7:20, 9:30

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MAJESTIC 10
Maple Tree Place, Taft Corners, Williston, 878-2010

wednesday 13 — thursday 14
***Tropic Thunder** 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45 **The Dark Knight** 12:45, 3:10, 4:10, 6:30, 7:25, 9:35 **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** 1:05, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50 **Pineapple Express** 1:50, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50 **Mamma Mia!** 1:10, 3:50, 6:45, 9:20 **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** 1, 3:40, 7, 9:40 **WALL-E** 12:50, 3:20 **Hancock** 6:25, 8:55 **Kit Kittredge: An American Girl** 12:55 **Step Brothers** 1:20, 4:15, 7:20, 9:45 **Swing Vote** 6:55, 9:25 **Journey to the Center of the Earth** 2:30, 4:35 **Space Chimps** 12:40

friday 15 — thursday 21
***Star Wars: The Clone Wars** 12:50, 2:45, 4:55, 7:10, 9:25 ***Mirrors** 1:10, 3:50, 7, 9:40 ***Tropic Thunder** 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45 **The Dark Knight** 12:50, 3:30, 6:30, 9:55 **Pineapple Express** 1:25, 4:10, 7:20, 9:50 **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** 1, 3:40, 6:50, 9:50 **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** 5, 6:45, 9:20 **Mamma Mia!** 12:40, 3:10, 6:40, 9:15 **WALL-E** 12:50 **Step Brothers** 1:20, 4, 7:05, 9:40 **Hancock** 8:50 **Journey to the Center of the Earth** 5:20, 8:20 **Space Chimps** 1:05

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College Street, Burlington, 864-3456

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***Tropic Thunder** 1:30, 4:15, 7:05, 9:20 **Pineapple Express** 1:25, 4:10, 7, 9:55 **The Wackness** 4, 9:10 **The Dark Knight** 1, 3:45, 6:50, 8:15 **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** 1:20, 4, 6:50, 9:15 **Gonzo: The Life and Work of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson** 1:35, 6:45 **Mamma Mia!** 1:10, 3:55, 7, 9:25

friday 15 — thursday 21
***Vicky Cristina Barcelona** 1, 3, 5, 7:10, 9:10, 11:15 (Fri & Sat) ***Tropic Thunder** 1:30, 4:15, 7:05, 9:20, 11:40 (Fri & Sat) **Pineapple Express** 1:25, 4:10, 7, 9:55, 11:55 (Fri & Sat) **The Dark Knight** 1, 3:45, 6:50, 9:15 **Gonzo: The Life and Work of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson** 1:55, 6:45 **The Wackness** 4, 9:25, 11:25 (Fri & Sat) **Mamma Mia!** 1:10, 4, 6:55, 11:45 (Fri & Sat) **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** 6:50, 9:30, 11:50 (Fri & Sat)

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PALACE CINEMA 9
Fayette Road, South Burlington, 864-5610

wednesday 13 — thursday 14
***Tropic Thunder** 1:25, 4:10, 7:05, 9:40 **Brideshead Revisited** 12:40, 3:40, 6:30, 9:25 **When Did You Last See Your Father?** 4:50, 7, 9:05 **Mongol** 6:50 **Pineapple Express** 10:50 a.m. (Thu), 1:15, 4:05, 6:55, 9:55 **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** 10:50 a.m. (Thu), 1, 3:50, 6:45, 9:25 **Step Brothers** 12:50, 2:40, 4:55, 7:10, 9:30 **The Dark Knight** 12:10, 3:15, 6:20, 9:30 **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** 1:20, 6:55, 9:20 **Mamma Mia!** 1:10, 3:45, 6:40, 9:10 **WALL-E** 2:55 **Kit Kittredge: An American Girl** 12:20

friday 15 — thursday 21
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PARAMOUNT TWIN CINEMA
241 North Main Street, Barre, 479-4921

wednesday 13 — thursday 14
The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor 1:30, 6:50, 9 **Step Brothers** 1:30, 6:50, 9

friday 15 — thursday 21
***Star Wars: The Clone Wars** 1:30, 6:30, 9 ***Mirrors** 1:50, 6:50, 9

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Main Street, Montpelier, 229-0509

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wednesday 13 — thursday 14
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Will WIC For Food

My love-hate relationship with a government-subsidized nutrition program

ILLUSTRATION: SUSAN NORTON

BY CATHY RESMER

These days, plenty of Vermont families are tightening their belts and budgets, struggling to adjust to rising food and fuel prices. Mine is no exception. We've relied on the usual smart shopper strategies: clipping coupons, looking for sales, buying generic brands, planting more vegetables in the garden plot.

But last May, my partner Ann-Elise and I discovered a new way to save on our grocery bills. When we enrolled our son in Dr. Dynasaur, Vermont's state-subsidized children's health care program, we found out that he automatically qualified for weekly deliveries of free food through the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, better known as WIC.

But did we want to accept free food from the government?

If you had asked me a year ago, I would have said no. Honestly, I've never thought of myself as someone who would need help feeding my family. Ann-Elise and I are both college graduates. We have good jobs, though she works part-time so she can stay home with our kids — our son, who's 2, and our daughter, born in July. We own our house. We're frugal. We have good credit. We make more money now than we ever have.

But none of that changes the fact that we're trying to feed, clothe and house a family of four on less than $60,000 a year — something that's getting harder and harder to do.

So I swallowed my stubborn middle-class pride and we signed our son up for WIC. Now both Ann-Elise and our daughter are enrolled, too.

On Tuesday nights, we leave an empty cooler on our porch. The next morning, between 4 and 5 a.m., Uncle Sam — or, more accurately, a guy in a truck — drops off some food.

Our ration varies from week to week but may include Welch's juice concentrate, dry cereal, a block of cheese, a dozen eggs and containers of Lactaid — our son is allergic to cow's milk. We also get Farm to Family coupons, which we use to buy fresh produce at the Winooski Farmers Market.

Given the state of the economy, is it any surprise that our family is part of a trend? According to Vermont WIC director Donna Bister, WIC participation is up this year. In June 2008, 16,832 Vermonters received food from WIC — that's 600 more than in June 2007. In fact, 54 percent of all infants born in Vermont are enrolled in WIC at birth. And Bister expects the number to only increase.

"I was just on a call with my colleagues from New England and New York," she says, "and all of us are seeing a slow but steady rise in participation." In some states, the total number of WIC recipients is up by more than 10 percent over last year.

I've never thought of myself as someone who would need help feeding my family.

Frankly, I still feel conflicted about my family's participation in the program. Though I'm grateful for the food, I haven't always felt comfortable receiving it.

That's partly because of my own shame, irrational though it may be. I confess to being thankful that the WIC truck delivers so early — I can't help wondering what the neighbors would think. That's ridiculous, I know. Even Ann-Elise thinks I'm nuts.

But my hang-ups aren't the only thing contributing to my discomfort. Getting WIC food has also put my family at the mercy of a system that sometimes makes false assumptions about us, and that can be demeaning.

When Ann-Elise went to the WIC office to collect our Farm to Family coupons, a woman told her she had to attend an information session. That policy may make sense on a general level, but Ann-Elise, an avid gardener and former vegetable farmer,

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Long Trail Ail

BREWER FACES OFF AGAINST CEREAL BIZ

On July 31, lawyers for the **Long Trail Brewing Company** of Bridgewater Corners told Bear Naked Inc., a Connecticut-based granola company, to "take a hike."

In a filing available at Burlington's United States District Court, Long Trail accuses the cereal brand, now owned by the Kellogg Company, of "trademark infringement, unfair competition and deceptive trade practices."

What did the crunchy folks do wrong? For one thing, their packaging used the slogan "take a hike," which was part of a logo trademarked by LTBC in November 1996. The same logo, which LTBC has been putting on its cases and peanut-based trail mix since 2005, also features "an image of a person hiking while wearing a backpack and carrying a walking stick or hiking pole."

Believe it or not, in 2007 Bear Naked began to market its own trail mix — with cashews, dried cherries and oats — in packaging that included both the "take a hike" catchphrase and a picture of a mountaineer "wearing a backpack and carrying a walking stick."

In February, the brewery sent Bear Naked a cease-and-desist order. A month later, Kellogg responded by email to say "the company would send a full response." It never did.

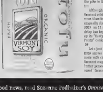
"Bear Naked's acts are calculated ... and are likely to cause confusion or mistake and deceive consumers," the filing continues. In addition to retaining the exclusive use of its slogan and the hiker logo, LTBC is seeking significant financial compensation, including all of Bear Naked's profits from the offending trail mix, plus damages and legal fees. And the brewery is asking that all packaging bearing its "registered mark" be destroyed.

A representative from Long Trail declined to comment. Bear Naked was unable to as of press time. It does, however, appear that Bear Naked has revamped its packaging. The hiker logo and phrase are nowhere to be found on the company's website. An item in its online FAQ reads, "The packaging is different, has the product changed?" The response: "No need to worry, our product has not changed ... we have, however, evolved our packaging to a new look that we hope you will love as much as we do." Nice spin.

Soy Joy

VERMONT SENDS BEAN CURD TO BEANTOWN

While the Hardwick-based **Vermont Milk Company** continues to struggle, its nearby faux-milk counterpart, the **Vermont Soy Company**, is reporting record growth. According to co-owner **Andrew Meyer**, the bean team just inked a deal with Whole Foods to distribute its original, vanilla and chocolate soymilks in 11 of the chain's Boston-area stores. "We've been demo-ing down there and getting people to try the soymilk," Meyer relates. "It's fun to see Vermont products on the shelves and get people to try it and see the connection between Vermont and high quality."



Meyer hopes that in the next couple of weeks, Whole Foods will also start stocking VSC's newest product, introduced at the end of July: retail-sized packages of extra firm tofu made entirely from Vermont-grown organic soy beans. "The packaging has unbelievable marketing power," Meyer enthuses. "There's a cutout of Vermont, and you can see the tofu through that and feel it." In the Green Mountain State, you can procure the stir-fry-ready protein packs at co-ops and natural food stores, or taste the product at restaurants such as **Magnolia Bistro**, **Skinny Pancake**, **Penny Cluse** and **New Moon**.

Until recently, the company only offered tofu in bulk buckets, but the VSC folks had concerns about the cost and environmental impact of shipping huge pails filled with water. Though the smaller portions might seem to "use a lot of packaging," Meyer remarks, "each bulk container has a plastic bucket, a plastic liner and all that water."

While VSC hopes eventually to convert buyers to the pre-wrapped product, for now it will continue to supply bulk bean curd to **City Market**, **Healthy Living** and **Hunger Mountain Co-op**.

What does Meyer have to say about the ailing Vermont Milk Company? Though he chooses not to speculate on the venture's viability, he does hope its Hardwick factory will continue to be a resource for local producers. "We keep talking about diversifying and adding value to products. The plant that exists in Hardwick is a critical component of that. If we really want to promote and develop economies based around ag in Vermont, we can't send everything out of Vermont to be processed."

Crumbs

LEFTOVER FOOD NEWS

It's hard to believe that Vermont, producer and exporter of extraordinary quantities of maple syrup, is still the only state in the Union without an International House of Pancakes. But that lamentable omission will soon be remedied. Last week, **Handy Family Enterprises** was granted an Act 250 permit to erect an IHOP restaurant on Route 7 in Rutland, right next to a Handy-owned Ponderosa. There's one coming down the pike in South Burlington, too.

Although the Southern Vermont edition of the more-than-breakfast joint was originally slated to open in 2007, an 11-month permitting delay has kept it from dishing up its "Rooty Tooty Fresh 'n Fruity" combination plate until '09.

Let's just hope that when IHOP arrives, the flapjacks come with cruets of authentic Vermont maple syrup, not the butter pecan or "maple-flavored" facsimiles. Right.

Hormonal imbalance? Looks like the grassroots activists campaigning against artificial bovine growth hormones are really bugging Monsanto. Last Wednesday, the massive Missouri-based agri-tech biz announced that it will attempt to divest itself of POSILAC, known to consumers as one variety of rBST.

Although the company claims the hormone is selling well and the decision to sell was based on other factors, Monsanto shares rose by 2.3 percent after the announcement. That speaks louder than PR flaks. Perhaps the sale of POSILAC will give the seedy company more time to increase its worldwide monopoly on plant DNA.

Question is, with mainstream companies like Wal-Mart rejecting milk from injected cows, who'll want to buy Monsanto's cast-off?

Give a pint, get a pint? There's nothing like a carton of "Forbidden Chocolate" or "Purely Pistachio" ice cream to help revive a dizzy blood donor. At least that's what the folks at **Friendly's** figure.

The company has teamed up with the **American Red Cross** to hand out ice cream coupons to New England-area donors during the month of August. One caveat: The coupons must be redeemed at Friendly's Restaurants by September 30, and they won't be accepted at grocery stores.

Note to would-be criminals: If you're going to rob your parents' restaurant, make sure they've got the video surveillance cameras turned off. And ditch your court-ordered GPS tracker before you go.

These tips could have helped St. Albans resident **Miles Lawlor**, 18, who pleaded not guilty to felony burglary for allegedly stealing wads of dough from his parents' pizza joint, **Pie in the Sky**, located in the Highgate Commons Shopping Center. If convicted, he'll probably get more than 50 lashes with a wet noodle.

Looks like **Asia Gourmet** in Essex is another casualty of the economic downturn. Patrons have reported that the restaurant is closed, and the phone number has been disconnected.

The usual services will be interrupted at the **Spanked Puppy Pub** in Colchester, too — but only temporarily. The bar was slapped with a 25-day suspension of its liquor license, which will begin on September 22, in the wake of a fatal car accident caused by patron **Shawn Burritt**, 33, of Jericho. At a hearing in May, the Liquor Control Board ruled that the bar continued to serve Burritt when he appeared intoxicated. The Spanked Puppy's owners dispute the allegation.

SUZANNE PODHAIZER

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was already familiar with the coupons. She used to accept them herself at Burlington-area farmers' markets.

In this bureaucratic setting, her experience became irrelevant — and invisible. At the session the well-meaning instructor actually greeted her by pointing to a basket and saying, "These are beets. Have you ever seen beets before?"

I'm sure there are people on WIC who don't know their root vegetables, but can we really be the only ones who find that question insulting? Just because we qualify for assistance doesn't mean that we don't know how and what to eat.

My ambivalence about WIC led me to learn more about Vermont's program. And despite my reservations, what I've learned so far is both interesting and encouraging.

WIC was established in 1974 to improve early childhood nutrition. Unlike food stamps, it provides specific supplementary foods full of protein, calcium, iron or Vitamins A and C, which are important in early childhood development. WIC also distributes infant formula to mothers who aren't breast-feeding their children.

Over the years, studies have shown that better nutrition during those critical early years results in healthier kids. WIC participants have longer gestation periods, higher birth weights and reduced incidence of infant mortality and anemia — and, consequently, lower Medicaid costs. In other words, it's cheaper to feed moms and kids than it is to deal with the fallout of bad nutrition.

To qualify for WIC according to federal requirements, you have to earn less than 185 percent of the U.S. Poverty Income Guidelines — $35,798 for a family of four. But you can also access WIC through Medicaid — or, in Vermont, through Dr. Dynasaur, whose income standards are relatively high. A family of four can earn up to $60,156 and still qualify for Dr. Dynasaur, which is how we got in. Barely.

I have always felt guilty that my family literally eats up resources meant for people who might need them more. But when I mention this to WIC director Bates, she gently dismisses my concern.

"It's not meant to be the kind of program that's only for very, very low-income people who would be hungry without it," she says. "WIC is primarily a health program. We welcome any family who needs our help and can meet the guidelines."

At the session, the well-meaning instructor actually greeted her by pointing to a basket and saying, "These are beets. Have you ever seen beets before?"

Bates knows the system well — she started working with WIC as a clerk in 1976, and became the director in 1989. She explains that WIC is funded through a federal subsidy and notes that Vermont's office is in "very good shape right now" financially. She also assures me that the USDA, which administers WIC, is committed to ensuring funds for all eligible families. So I shouldn't worry about my kids eating someone else's food.

And Bates's got another convincing argument up her sleeve — WIC participation is good for the local ag economy. Vermont's WIC program spends $10 million a year on food, a third to half of which goes to buy local products.

"Most of our milk comes from Vermont producers," Bates boasts. "Our home delivery vendors have a deal with Cabot cheese. A lot of our eggs are local." And the money from the Farm to Family coupons goes directly to local farmers.

"That's been a big benefit to the program," Bates explains, "because we can say to families like yours that might be a little hesitant about applying that it's not just good for your family, but it's supporting Vermont farmers and producers."

And WIC *does* provide important education to people who are "nutritionally at risk." The program offers activities and cooking classes at local parent-child centers and partners with groups such as the Campaign to End Childhood Hunger.

Going a step farther to address the problem of childhood obesity, Vermont's office has created an initiative called "Fit WIC" that promotes physical activity. Families with kids aged 3 to 5 get a handbook full of developmentally appropriate exercises, which Bates says has been used as a national model.

Bates admits that my family's experience with WIC's nutrition education was "weird." But she adds that the one-size-fits-all model is changing — her staff recently completed a statewide training to help them turn nutrition education into a conversation rather than a recitation of facts.

"We really encourage our staff to start with where people are at," she says. "We ask that they assess people's knowledge before they launch into an educational thing."

That approach should make new clients more comfortable asking for help — especially families like ours who are using WIC benefits to get by during tough times.

"I hope," says Bates, "that the next time your family goes to WIC for a visit, you can see a difference."

I hope so, too. But I'm also hoping we don't have too many more visits. As much as I appreciate the help, I look forward to the day when we won't need it. ⑦

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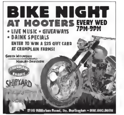
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Taste Test: M-Saigon Vietnamese Noodle House

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It seems like Vietnamese is the "flavor of the year" in the Burlington area. Besides the older Vietnam Restaurant in Essex and Pho Dang, three more places in the Greater Burlington area now ladle up the country's signature soup, pho: Pho Hong in the Old North End, Phuong's Kitchen in the New North End, and M Saigon Vietnamese Noodle House, which has replaced Ming's in the Shelburne Road strip mall that's home to a post office and Waterfront Video. In just a year, plenty of local eaters have been transformed from pho virgins into "phoficionados."

The new kid on the block has to do something special to impress them — especially when the "block" is a major artery. At M Saigon, the pho certainly makes the cut. (Why the M? An allusion to the Broadway show *Miss Saigon*, says a staffer.) "We treasure pho," reads the menu. And the owners help their customers treasure the soup in six ways. Each one features a different combination of meats, including rare beef, flank, brisket, meatballs and tendon. Don't eat cow? There are chicken and vegetable versions, too.

Happily, both the homemade beef and chicken stocks are delicious, although noodle portions could be heftier. Condiments such as fish sauce, hoisin and chili sauces are always on the table, and soup bowls are delivered along with a selection of mix-ins, including bean sprouts, sprigs of basil and slices of lime. In several visits, the only pho glitch was a takeout order in which the sprouts were brown and unappetizing.

M Saigon's flavorful broths make appearances in a bunch of other dishes, too. The eatery serves up two permutations of wonton soup: a plain version, where the wontons are immersed in broth and garnished with cilantro (referred to as coriander, as it's known in many parts of the world) and a heartier offering with shrimp, pork and egg noodles in the mix. The latter is perfect on a rainy day.

I also enjoyed the seafood soup: perfectly clear broth poured over a tangle of the fattest noodles I've ever seen and topped with a pair of shrimp, a few dense, gelatinous fish balls and what appeared to be *faux* crab made of surimi, although the menu called it "crab meat." Floating on top were crisp shards of shallot, perhaps over-browned, which served as a reminder of French colonial influence.

For a bit more substance and another hint of Gallic flavor, I sampled the "Vietnamese Crispy Crêpe," which was novel but not particularly memorable. Tinted yellow with turmeric and lightly browned, the coconut-flour shell was stuffed with shrimp, pork, sprouts and mung beans. It came with two whole Romaine lettuce leaves and a bowl of fish sauce dressing for dipping. It's traditional to roll the crepe in the greenery before anointing it with the liquid. "Most of my customers don't eat the lettuce," our server said. Probably because they don't know the crêpe wrapper is meant to be wrapped itself.

A weekly special, the "Traditional Vietnamese Curry," would taste familiar to lovers of Thai food. It consisted of onion wedges, big chunks of fork-tender pork and sweet potatoes in a spicy, coconut-based sauce. A few whole basil leaves and a couple of lemongrass stems made an appearance. Although the curry was filling and pleasant, with just the right amount of heat, the copious serving of sauce in which it swam wasn't particularly complex.

More impressive was a vermi

cells "entry" called "BBQ Pork and Egg Rolls." The noodles came with bright pink garlic-and-pepper scented ground-pork patties and a couple of cigar-sized fried egg rolls chopped in pieces, with a side dish of pale, sweet-n-tangy sauce to pour over the top. An extra dose of the condiment would have helped liven up the starch, but the meat was perfectly smoky and salty.

Another winner: the "Fresh Garden Rolls" from the appetizer menu. The fat cylinders, rolled in sticky rice wrappers, enclosed the usual shrimp, pork, vermicelli and crisp veggies and arrived with a sticky, dark brown peanut plum sauce. We also ordered a serving of the pleasantly named "Happy Tails," whole shrimp enveloped in egg roll wrappers and deep-fried. A hint of ginger distinguished this foolproof snack.

I also enjoyed the M Saigon salad — yet another vehicle for shrimp and pork, this time featuring a mixture of lotus stems, carrots, daikon and herbs topped with a light citrus and fish-sauce dressing. On the side rested a few sand-dollar-sized shrimp crackers — Asian croutons?

After all the saline fish sauce, I was in the mood for something sweet, and desserts 'n' drinks make M Saigon stand out from its competition. The "Three Colors Drink," a blend of beans, coconut milk and peanuts with crushed ice and strips of green gelatin, is one of the best I've tried. The "Dried Longan Ice Drink" is another rare and delightful taste sensation. Like "Three Colors," this syrupy dark brown concoction is served in a tall glass filled with crushed ice. On the bottom: the sweet, fleshy longan — a translucent fruit related to the lychee.

Then there's the fruit-flavored bubble tea, a hot trend in major cities that has finally reached Burlington — see sidebar. M Saigon offers the milky drinks, complete with pearls of black tapioca and extra-wide straws, in exotic flavors such as red bean, taro, durian and lychee, as well as more recognizable cantaloupe, coconut and strawberry. All are delicious, bizarre and fun. For those who like the taste but not the chewy chunks, icy, pearl-free smoothies come in all the same flavors.

Right next to Burlington's biggest indie video store, M Saigon — open for lunch and dinner — is a natural choice for last-minute takeout to accompany a fresh copy of *The Bank Job*. But the dining room is also fine for a casual meal, though the decor is basic and the space, full of hard surfaces, can get loud at times. It stays open till 10 on weekends — just like Waterfront. ⑦

Bubble Brain

A recovering 'boba' addict explains the appeal of bubble tea

Lumpy drinks — for some people, that phrase calls up only ugly memories of gulping down coffee filled with curds of turned half-and-half. They don't know what they're missing. When I was a kid, my potion of choice was a clear, Pixie-Stix-sweet syrup with bright balls of gelatin glass suspended throughout. Made by the fine folks from Clearly Canadian, Orbitz didn't last long, and I was among the few to mourn its passing.

I was a little older — 15 — when I heard about something called bubble tea. There were faint whisperings in food magazines about Asian smoothies with floating tapioca balls making their way to cafés in large U.S. cities.

Further research suggested the trend had been a long time coming. Two Taiwan coffeehouses claim they were the first to add tapioca balls — or "boba" — to milky teas back in the early '80s. The candy-colored drinks — now in fruit flavors — were in the hands of So-Cal hipsters by the late '90s. Boba, as it happens, is the Taiwanese slang for "big breasts." The black tapioca pearls sink to the bottom of cups of bubble tea, where they wait for the extra-large straw it takes to transport them from glass to mouth. Boba-based options are endless, from milk-based concoctions to smoothies, coffees and juices. Sometimes star- or heart-shaped flavored gelatin stands in for the traditional tapioca, which is a starchy byproduct of the cassava plant.

I got my first taste on a pilgrimage to *Montreal*. It sounds like hokum, but only poetry can describe the experience: watermelon flavor with milk, black balls rising through the straw. Few gastronomic encounters engage more senses than this room-temperature liquid cooled with a smattering of chopped ice resting atop firm but forgiving boba, brightly colored and smelling of summer fruit.

Delirious as it was, though, that plastic cup of pink liquid created a monster. Monthly Montreal trips became a necessity. Like a junkie, I would careen through the streets of Chinatown, up the stairs of Cactus Restaurant or Magic Idea, desperate for my next fix. I didn't care who supplied me. I just needed a straw full of kiwi- or rose-flavored fluid with tapioca at the bottom.

Then I went to Los Angeles. My first day off the plane, I began with a food-court honeydew boba, continued to a coffeehouse for a pennywort jelly drink in Little Osaka and ended with a taro-tapioca smoothie in a mall in Little Tokyo.

It was everywhere. I was visiting outposts of Asian countries as if I were at Epcot. In a week, I drank my way through two Chinatowns, Little Vietnam, Koreatown and everywhere in between. I had to take advantage. I knew the only comparable treat I could get at home was the straight tea variety at Joyce's Noodle House — OK, but not even in the same ballpark.

Luckily, word came of a new Vietnamese restaurant, M Saigon, one of several that have recently sprouted up in the Burlington area. I heard they had pork meatballs, for which I'd been pining. The meatballs were sweet, smoky and tender, but something stole their thunder: my durian smoothie with boba.

Now, with a source just minutes from my door, I am no longer in perpetual tapioca frenzy. Knowing I can calmly stop in for mung bean- or cantaloupe-flavored milk, I am currently down to one boba a week. My name is Alice, and I am no longer a bobaholic.

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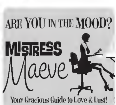

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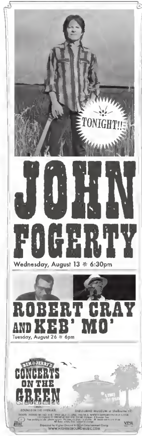

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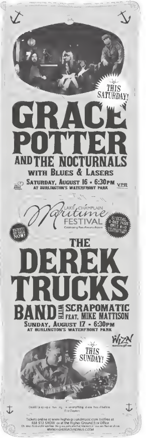

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BONNE CHANCE!

:: Anaïs Mitchell might just be Vermont's best kept musical secret. While Ms. Potter and her merry band of troubadours score more national publicity, Mitchell unassumingly hones her craft in the cozy shadow of the Green Mountains whether writing and starring in her own folk opera (*Hadestown*) or penning new tunes with longtime cohort Michael Chorney. However, if her upcoming European tours with indie folk impresario Bon Iver and fellow Righteous Babe Ani DiFranco are any indication, the rest of the world may soon be hip to what we've known all along: Mitchell is among the finest songwriters working today. Catch her while you can this Saturday as part of the Valley Stage Music Festival in Huntington.

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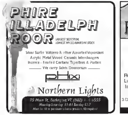

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MERRY TIME

As usual, this year's Lake Champlain Maritime Festival at Burlington's Waterfront Park boasts some big-name talent. Most folks already know about this Friday's free **Mike Gordon** show — hey, did you guys hear that **Phish** might be getting back together? Sick, bro.

And I'm sure Poterheads (Pottermaniacs? We really need a good name for **Grace Potter & the Nocturnals** fans) have had this Saturday's show on their calendars since, well, last year's GPN Waterfront appearance.

And then, of course, progressive jazz-rockers (cough ... cough) **The Greek Trucks Band** close out the weekend Sunday night. Fun fact: GTB's percussionist is named **Count M'Butu**. Wasn't he in one of the last *Star Wars* flicks? But I digress.

Anyway, if you need me to tell you more about those three bands, you are frankly beyond my help. Go Google them and come back when you're finished.

The rest of you would do well to check out the fest during the day, as well as later in the evening, as a number of local options await your landlubbing ears. (Maritime Fest, get it?)

Friday finds a trio of homegrown acts playing in the park, including **The Leaves** (see the spotlight on page 108), estimable swampy funk crooner **Brett Hughes**; and gal-by Americana outfit **The Dirtminers**.

Following a set by shanty-singin' West Virginia duo **House of Cedars** on Saturday afternoon, the mere ... Burlington High School rockers **Superflight** take the stage. Faux songwriter **Steve Hartman** is up next, with Vermont's reigning gospel diva **Tammy Fletcher**'s roots outfit **Mountain Girl** closing out the afternoon.

On Sunday there's a repeat performance from House of Cedars, who — I'm not kidding — wear spiffy pirate outfits, presumably only onstage, though. Then sultry local indie-folk singer-songwriter **Mia Adams** performs with her backing band **The Scenic Route**. Incomparably talented newlywed **Gordon Stone** wraps things up, jazz-grass style. The fun starts at 11 a.m. all three days.

MIA ADAMS

LASER TAG

Also of note at this year's Maritime Fest, riding the Pottercoattails and fans of fuzzy psych rock, is **Blues & Lasers**, who will handle opening duties for the leggy starlet on Saturday. B&L is the side project of GPN guitarist **Scott Tournet** — guess how they scored the gig? — and finds the talented axeman shedding his well-known pop-rock proclivities in favor of heavier, gritty, musical explorations.

Most folks probably don't know that prior to his stint with The Nocturnals, Tournet was all over the musical map. He played with a **Sun Ra**-influenced jazz act, an electronica band, a jug band and a host of other groups across the genre spectrum; he even played bass in a hip-hop band. In a recent email, Tournet writes that he's tired of being pigeonholed as "sounding like I came from 1973." His answer was Blues & Lasers.

The band has an EP out now that was recently recorded at Club Metronome. I have to say: It's pretty good. And quite a departure from what you'd normally expect from the Nocturnal axeman.

DOWN IN THE VALLEY

Believe it or not, there's another equally impressive music fest this weekend, though you won't be afforded lake views, I'm afraid. This Saturday marks the second annual Valley Stage Music Festival in Huntington and boasts a nifty little lineup of local and international Americana and folk.

Leading off are onetime Vermont hepcats **Lewis Franco & the Missing Cats** with special guest, local folk darling **Susannah Blachly**. Vermont's own Righteous Babe **Anais Mitchell** is up next (see spotlight page 108, where I also use the Righteous Babe reference), followed by stellar roots outfit **Rani Arbo & Daisy Mayhem** from Connecticut.

Finally, this year's headliner is a Canadian group — and an international — act, **The Duhks**. Hailing from Winnipeg, the genre-jumping acoustic quintet recently scored a Juno Award, Canada's version of the Grammy. Given the current exchange rate, a Juno is actually just about on par with a Grammy — for which The Duhks were also recently nominated in the "Best Country Vocal Performance by a Group or Duo."

While the Valley Stage music lineup is evidently cause for celebration, the real star of the show will be the sun, which this year is powering the entire fest. Assuming it shows up, of course.

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THE ROUNDUP

Once again, we have so little time and so much to do. So in true rapid-fire Soundbites style, let's get to it.

Congrats to pedal steel/banjo guru **Gordon Stone**. As alluded to earlier in this column, he married his longtime girlfriend/manager **Jennifer Harwood** on Sunday, August 3. No word on who the wedding band was. Good luck, you crazy kids.

Is anyone else as profoundly bummed about the cancellation of this Tuesday's **Boyz II Men** show at Higher Ground? Now the hi-top fade I was sporting for the occasion just looks silly. Any chance we could get **Kris Kross** on the calendar soon as consolation? So wiggity whack.

KRIS GRUEN

A big "Welcome home" goes out to Burlington's prodigal indie-rock sons **Nightbirds**, who find themselves back in Vermont after a failed attempt to move to Los Angeles. To their credit, the guys got as far as Colorado before the money ran out and they were forced to return to port. If it's any consolation, we're glad you're back, birdies. Catch them every Monday in August at Nectar's.

I've gone most of the summer without shamelessly self-promoting *Seven Days'* ongoing "Tin Pan Alley" music series Fridays at Red Square. Well, there are only three left, and if you can think of a better way to spend Happy Hour than sipping ice cold PBR outside whilst taking in some killer local music, I'd love to hear it. This week, longtime Vermont sicko **Nick Redington** — who has a nifty new album out — takes the stage. Next week it's **Colin Clary & a Magog**, fresh from the recent European vacation with tales to tell. And closing out the year, **Me & You** with **Brett Hughes and Marie Claire** — not to be confused with **M. Ward** and **Zooey Deschanel**'s **She & Him**, of course. See you there at 5:01 p.m. sharp.

Belle & Sebastian/Mojave 3 fans, take note: Go see **Beans** this Saturday at Radio Bean. You can thank me on Sunday.

Sondre Lerche/Andrew Bird fans, take note: Go see **Kris Gruen** the same night at Montpelier's Langdon Street Café. You can thank me on Monday, so as not to interfere with Sunday's thank you calls.

Finally, it wouldn't be a Soundbites column without a benefit concert shout-out. This Sunday afternoon, the Barre Opera House hosts a tribute to late local keyboardist **Michael Suchoe**, who died in March of complications from lung cancer. The lineup is a veritable "who's who" of central Vermont talent with **The Sandra Wright Band** — of which Suchoe was a member — **Kip Meaker's Blue Velvet**, **The Dave Keller Band**, **Colin McCaffrey**, **Jeremiah McLane**, **The Wine Sisters** and **Tiles Powell** with **Tom Cleary**. Proceeds benefit the Michael Suchoe Memorial Fund. ⑦

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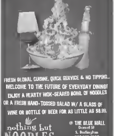

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THE MONKEY HOUSE: Sean Hood, Shay Rosolie, Eli & Range, Paddy Reagan (singer-songwriters), 8 p.m. $5. 18+.

NECTAR'S: Flippin' the Bird (rock), 9 p.m. Free/$5. 18+. Joggs (rock), 11 p.m. Free/$5. 18+.

NIGHTCRAWLERS: Ed Devarney & Friends (rock), 7 p.m. Free.

PARIMA ACOUSTIC LOUNGE: Jess Rosenfield Trio (jazz, rock), 8 p.m. Free.

RADIO BEAN: Ensemble V (jazz), 7 p.m. Free. Irish Sessions (Irish), 9 p.m. Free.

RASPUTIN'S: Top Hat Entertainment Dance Party (DJ), 10 p.m. Free.

RED SQUARE: yeUSA glocate (rock), 8 p.m. Free. DJ Craig (hip-hop), 11 p.m. Free.

central

CHARLIE O'S: Dave Keller (blues), 10 p.m. Free.

ELIXIR: Paul Rivers (acoustic), 7 p.m. Free.

LANGDON STREET CAFÉ: Chip Smith Project (eclectic), 8 p.m. Donations.

champlain valley

ON THE RISE BAKERY: Open Bluegrass Sessions (bluegrass), 7:30 p.m. Donations.

TWO BROTHERS TAVERN: The Bolt (rock), 9 p.m. $3.

northern

BEE'S KNEES: Colin McCaffrey (folk), 7:30 p.m. Donations.

regional

OLIVE RIDLEY'S: Beyond Guitar Hero, 9 p.m. Free.

THU.14

burlington area

BACKSTAGE PUB: Dennis Willmott & The Blues Deacons (blues), 7 p.m. Free.

CLUB METRONOME: Battle for Burlington, Drunken Go Hotel (DJ), 9 p.m. $1/5. 18+.

FRANNY O'S: Kolanne DJ & Karaoke, 9 p.m. Free.

GREEN ROOM: DJ Big Dog (reggae), 10 p.m. Free.

HOOTERS: Hooters Karaoke Extravaganza, 7:30 p.m. Free.

LEUNIG'S: Ellen Powell & Dominique Gagne (jazz), 7 p.m. Free.

LINCOLN INN TAVERN: WCLX Blues Night with Nobby Reed (blues), 7 p.m. Free.

THE MONKEY HOUSE: The Eames Brothers, The Loomers (blues), 9 p.m. $5.

NECTAR'S: Top Hat Trivia, 7:30 p.m. Free. Crucial (reggae), 10 p.m. Free/$5. 18+.

NIGHTCRAWLERS: Karaoke with Steve LeClair, 7 p.m. Free.

PARIMA ACOUSTIC LOUNGE: APR Songwriter Series (singer-songwriter), 8 p.m. Free.

RADIO BEAN: Jenn Fersdens (jazz), 6 p.m. Free. Shane Hardiman Group (jazz), 8 p.m. Free. Anthony Santor Trio (jazz), 11 p.m. $3.

RED SQUARE: Eric Lindberg Band (rock), 6 p.m. Free. A-Dog Presents (hip-hop), 10 p.m. Free.

RÍ RÁ IRISH PUB: Funk Wagon (funk), 10 p.m. Free.

SECOND FLOOR: Wildout! (DJ), 10 p.m. Free/$5. 18+.

central

BLACK DOOR BAR & BISTRO: Evan Crandle & The Too Hot to Handle (funk), 9:30 p.m. $3-5.

CHARLIE O'S: yeUSA glocate (jazz), 10 p.m. Free.

ELIXIR: Emily Lanier Trio (acoustic), 7 p.m. Free.

LANGDON STREET CAFÉ: Bad Apples (indie-pop), 8 p.m. Donations.

PURPLE MOON PUB: Bread & Bones (folk), 7 p.m. Free.

STONECUTTERS BREWHOUSE: Trivia Night, 7 p.m. Free.

champlain valley

ON THE RISE BAKERY: Open Mike, 7:30 p.m. Donations.

northern

BEE'S KNEES: Dave Keller (blues), 7:30 p.m. Donations.

THE HUB PIZZERIA & PUB: Open Mike with Jeff, 9 p.m. Free.

OLDE YANKEE RESTAURANT: Tim Foley (singer-songwriter), 8 p.m. Free.

PICASSO: Third Orbit (soul), 9 p.m. Free.

THE TAMARACK GRILL AT BURKE MOUNTAIN: The Biscuit Burners (acoustic), 8:30 p.m., $12.

regional

NAKED TURTLE: Seanson (Irish), 6 p.m. Free.

OLIVE RIDLEY'S: Open Mike with Mike Pedersen, 9 p.m. Free. Naked Thursdays with 9th TripleX (DJ), 10 p.m. Free.

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FRI.15 >> 12B

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THU 14 << 11B

FRI.15

burlington area

242 MAIN Last Train Outta, Big Big Bucks, Gravekeeper, I Am Alaska (metal) 7 p.m. $7. AA.

BACKSTAGE PUB Karaoke with Steve 9 p.m. Free.

BANANA WINDS CAFÉ & PUB In Kahoots (rock) 7:30 p.m. Free.

BREAKWATER CAFÉ Sister French (rock) 9 p.m. Free.

CHAMPLAIN LANES FAMILY FUN CENTER U Be the Star Karaoke with Michaellen Loope, 9 p.m. Free.

CLUB METRONOME Sabotage: Return to the 90s (90s dance party) 9 p.m. Free.

EAGLES CLUB Karaoke 8 p.m. Free.

FRANNY O'S Rumble Doll (country) 10 p.m. Free.

GREEN ROOM Francine (hip-hop) 10 p.m. Free.

JP'S PUB Dave Harrison's Starstruck Karaoke, 10 p.m. Free.

LINCOLN INN TAVERN A House on Fire (rock) 9 p.m. Free.

THE MONKEY HOUSE Shotgun Blues, Flood in the Fiery Factory (rock) 9 p.m. $5.

NECTAR'S Andy Schlather (singer-songwriter) 5 p.m. Free. 2 Acoustic (acoustic) 7 p.m. Free. Grippo Funk Band (funk) 10 p.m. $5.

NIGHTCRAWLERS High Rollers (rock) 9 p.m. Free.

RADIO BEAN Dan Ryan Express (jazz) 7 p.m. Free. Amanda Rogers & The Sketchy Indians (indie folk) 9 p.m. Free. Death Posse (rock) 10 p.m. Free. Villanelles (indie-rock) 11:45 p.m. Free.

RASPUTIN'S Top Hat Bunceteria (DJ) 10 p.m. $3.

RED SQUARE Seven Days Presents "Up Your Alley" with Rick Redington (rock) 5:01 p.m. Free. Bill McKline Band (alt-country) 9 p.m. $3. Sugar High (hip-hop) 11:30 p.m. $3.

RÍ RÁ IRISH PUB Supersounds DJ 10 p.m. Free.

SECOND FLOOR Voodoo with DJ Bubble J (hip-hop), 9 p.m. $3/10.

central

BLACK DOOR BAR & BISTRO Money Jungle (Afro-funk) 9:30 p.m. $3-5.

CHARLIE O'S Jive Attic (funk) 10 p.m. Free.

ELIXIR Sensible Soul Trio (blues) 7:30 p.m. Free.

LANGDON STREET CAFÉ Session Americana (Americana) 9 p.m. $10.

POSITIVE PIE 2 Hollywood Farm (jam) 10 p.m. $5.

champlain valley

CITY LIMITS City Limits Dance Party (DJ) 9 p.m. Free.

ON THE RISE BAKERY Gabe Jarrett & Friends (jazz) 7:30 p.m. Donations.

TWO BROTHERS TAVERN Abby Jenne & The Enablers (Americana) 10 p.m. $3.

northern

BAYSIDE PAVILION Live Music 9 p.m. Free.

BEE'S KNEES Bread & Bones (folk) 7:30 p.m. Donations.

THE HUB PIZZERIA & PUB Cal Stanton (acoustic rock) 9 p.m. Free.

JP'S PUB Live Music 9:30 p.m. $3.

MATTERHORN Conscious Roots (reggae) 9 p.m. $5.

RUSTY NAIL DJ Nic E Luv (DJ) 9 p.m. $5.

THE TAMARACK GRILL AT BURKE MOUNTAIN Crucial (reggae) 9 p.m. $5.

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MONOPOLE Shameless Strangers (rock) 10 p.m. Free.

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burlington area

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BACKSTAGE PUB: Slideshow Bob (rock), 9 p.m. Free.

BREAKWATER CAFÉ: Blues Hair (blues), 6 p.m. Free.

CLUB METRONOME: Retronome (DJ), 10 p.m. $5.

FRANNY O'S: Balance DJ & Karaoke, 9 p.m. Free.

GREEN ROOM: DJ Greg Pic (house), 10 p.m. Free.

HIGHER GROUND SHOWCASE LOUNGE: The White Party with DJs Alan Perry & Bob Douglas (dance), 9 p.m. $7/10. AA.

JP'S PUB: Dave Harrison's Starstruck Karaoke, 10 p.m. Free.

LINCOLN INN TAVERN: Dan Parks & The Flame (rock), 9 p.m. Free.

MARRIOTT HARBOR LOUNGE: Trent & Paul Cassarino with Jeff Wheel (acoustic), 7 p.m. Free.

NECTAR'S: Zack DuPont Solo (singer-songwriter), 5 p.m. Free. Chris Jamison (singer-songwriter), 7 p.m. Free. GPN Afterparty with The Leaves, Viva [illegible] (rock), 9 p.m. $5.

NIGHTCRAWLERS: Rumble Doll (country), 9 p.m. Free.

RADIO BEAN: Los Microbios (rock), 7 p.m. Free. The Vacant Lots (rock), 9 p.m. Free. Ghosty (rock), 10 p.m. Free. Bears (rock), 11 p.m. Free. Crinkles (indie rock), 11:55 p.m. Free.

RASPUTIN'S: Nastee (DJ), 10 p.m. $3.

RED SQUARE: Lowell Thompson (alt-country), 6 p.m. Free. Nabrin Sparks (funk), 9 p.m. $5. DJ A-Dog (hip-hop), 11:30 p.m. $5.

RUBEN JAMES: DJ C-Low (DJ), 10 p.m. Free.

RÍ RÁ IRISH PUB: Josh Cramoy Band (rock), 10 p.m. Free.

SECOND FLOOR: Déjà Vu Ladies Night (DJ), 9 p.m. $3/10.

central

CHARLIE O'S: Mark Legrand & His Lovesick Band (country), [illegible] p.m. Free.

ELIXIR: Peyton Blues Trio (blues), 7:30 p.m. Free.

LANGDON STREET CAFÉ: The Bear (folk), 8 p.m. Donations. Kala Green & Friends (indie folk), 9:30 p.m. Donations.

PURPLE MOON PUB: Russ Bangar (acoustic), 7 p.m. Free.

champlain valley

CITY LIMITS: Dance Party with DJ Earl (DJ), 9 p.m. Free.

ON THE RISE BAKERY: Live Music, 7:30 p.m. Donations.

northern

BEE'S KNEES: Town Wide Yard Sale (folk-rock), 7:30 p.m. Donations.

MATTERHORN: The Shed Band (rock), 9 p.m. $5.

PIECASSO: Karaoke Championship with John Wilson & [illegible] Dave, 8:30 p.m. Free.

RUSTY NAIL: DJ Russell (DJ), 9 p.m. $5.

SPRUCE PEAK AT STOWE: Chad Hollister (acoustic), 7:30 p.m. Free.

THE TAMARACK GRILL AT BURKE MOUNTAIN: Patty Larkin (singer-songwriter), 8:30 p.m. $24.

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KRAZY HORSE SALOON: Just Us (rock), 10 p.m. Free.

MONOPOLE: Howard Jennings (rock), 10 p.m. Free.

NAKED TURTLE: Zero Tolerance (rock), 6 p.m. Free.

TABU CAFÉ AND NIGHTCLUB: All Night Dance Party with DJ Toxic (DJ), 5 p.m. Free.

SUN.17 >> 16B

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FLOOD IN THE FIZZY FACTORY, *FLOOD IN THE FIZZY FACTORY*

(Self released, CD)

FLOOD IN THE FIZZY FACTORY

Some of the last ripples of New Wave, or something resembling it, have washed up on the shores of Lake Champlain. And Burlington's Flood in the Fizzy Factory are scooping up the surf. Their self-titled CD, recorded live in front of a sparse crowd at [illegible] in July, marks the group's full-length debut. But the record might be better described as a kind of mock-up: an irregular and rapid-shed preamble to a band just finding its niche.

Flood in the Fizzy Factory is not as nearly as frenzied as that name may imply — their aesthetic is technically docile. While earnest and principally well intentioned, they are also graciously confined on this debut. Such is one of the disastrous pitfalls of the drum machine.

The contraption is held at such high regard in the group as to warrant a first name: Sherman. The human contingent, singer-guitarist Dave Kleh and keyboardist Jim White, croon in puddles of deep reverb over Sherman's tinny pops.

There are heavy doses of '80s influence throughout. "Trouble on the High Seas" slips around courtesy of Sherman's electric reggae encoding and a distinctly Men At Work-style synthesized melody resembling a rustic flute.

"One Day" is another throwback to the halcyon days of the Reagan administration, for those who feel like reminiscing. White's cavernous synth envelops the echo of Kleh's doleful, soft-spoken annunciation.

But by "Have Been There," the formula begins to get a little stale. In this reminiscence of an encounter with a French woman who took Kenn, Sherman begins to reach its limits, while Kleh bravely staggers forward. "Life goes on everyday / Like a party," he sings.

The band is almost winging it by record's end. On "Crimson," Kleh abandons his guitar to bust out elementary rhymes about a shabby apartment over a fixed beat and a chorus of electronic chirps.

No matter how retro-tinted or experimental they get on this debut, Flood in the Fizzy Factory always seem to be enjoying themselves — a sentiment echoed by those who have attended their performances. The group plays at The Monkey House in Winooski this Friday, August 15, with new drummer Jim Fitzmorris, whose human presence can only be considered a welcome improvement.

JOHN PRITCHARD

MIKE AND THE RAVENS, *NOISY BOYS! THE SAXONY SESSIONS*

(Zaho Beats, CD)

It took Mike and the Ravens more than 45 years to make their first full-length album, *Noisy Boys*. Heck, the band broke up in 1962. But for a couple of years before that, five teenage boys from Stowe and Northfield inspired by Jerry Lee Lewis and Link Wray rocked at roller rinks, high school dances and frat parties.

Back in the day they recorded a few 45s. (Remember those? Little vinyl records with one song on each side?) And they wrote all of the songs themselves, which was practically unheard of in those pre-Beatles days. Decades later, a couple of their tunes resurfaced on *Heart Sir Cold*. That collection of '60s teenage garage rockers from Vermont and New York eventually led to another CD comprising solely old Ravens songs. And now, all of the original Ravens — all in their mid-sixties, most band-less for decades — re-emerge with a disc recorded on weekends between jobs and family stuff.

Don't laugh. I know you want to. The album is good. "Mature," even. Wisely, the "boys" don't try to recreate their teenage glory days. Some songs hark back to the old days, but with wonderful wry humor intact.

For example, the updated take on guitarist Stephen Kingsett's old roller rink crowd pleaser "Rollerland!" The cut is infused with new lyrics about visiting the concrete slab where the rink used to be. It fits in nicely among tunes about dancing with your teenage buddy's mom (a she-wolf!) and the mama's boy in "Catfight" who "throws like a girl."

Mike Brassard's voice is both rambunctious and clear, reminiscent of an ageless blues fella — especially on the Bo Diddley-esque "Dancing Bear," a stomping number about henpecked husbands. And John "Bo" Blodgett's trademark "growling guitar" careens and caroms with all the giddy elation of a graying guy discovering the joys of a fuzz box — which didn't exist when he was a teen. Meanwhile, drummer Pete Young and bassist Brian Lyford pound away with youthful, punkish energy propelled by the pure joy of a second chance.

On the final title track, over a rhythm that's almost techno-funk, Brassard sings that the Ravens don't play no "grandpa rock." Agreed, Mike.

Mike and the Ravens' first show with all five original members since 1962 isn't until Friday, September 26 at Le Divan Orange in Montreal. But after 45 years, what's another month? In the meantime, grab a copy of *Noisy Boys: The Saxony Sessions*, which hit stores last Tuesday.

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A Washington, D.C., nonprofit directs musicians through the health-care system, note by note

BY DAN BOLLES

Earlier this summer, the Burlington music community was rocked by news of life-threatening injuries to two of its favorite sons. In June, longtime Queen City stalwart Daryl Rabidoux was critically injured in a car accident in his adopted hometown of Providence, Rhode Island. Barely a month later, Burlington bartender Mikey Van Gulden was struck by a taxicab while riding his bicycle home following a shift at Higher Ground.

After asking, "Oh, my God, is he OK?" most people's follow-up question about both victims was: "Did he have insurance?" And as is the case with a majority of musicians and artists nationwide, the sad answer is "no."

America's health-care system is in critical condition. According to the 2000 U.S. Census, 39 million Americans — 14 percent of the population — were uninsured. In 2005, the National Coalition on Health Care reported that number jumped to 47 million (16 percent).

Who are those uninsured Americans? Conventional wisdom would suggest they're the unemployed, right? The dregs of — or drain on — society. You know, like rock musicians.

Not true, says the NCHC, which reports that eight out of 10 uninsured Americans come from working families. Forty percent of the working uninsured are in households with an annual income of $50,000 or more.

The country's least insured demographic is the 18-to-24-year-old set — 29.3 percent of them had no coverage in 2005. And guess which way that number is trending.

Many young Americans go without insurance because they are healthy and seemingly unlikely to get major illnesses. Still, the risks of not being insured can be significant. Just ask Van Gulden and Rabidoux.

But the true risk of going without insurance is subtler than headline-grabbing catastrophes might suggest, says Alex Maiolo, who created the Health Insurance Navigation Tool (HINT) with partner Chris Stephenson under the aegis of Future of Music Coalition, a nonprofit advocacy group based in Washington, D.C. HINT is a free service that helps musicians sort through the miasma of head-spinning health-care jargon and find sensible insurance solutions.

Maiolo, 39, knows what he's talking about. The Property and Casualty insurance agent by day is a member of Chapel Hill psych-pop outfit Violet Vector and the Lovely Lovelies by night. He points out that the cost of Americans going uninsured manifests itself in dangerous ways. Rather than footing the bill for basic treatment such as physicals and preventative care, uninsured musicians — and young people in general — will often delay seeking medical attention until it is absolutely necessary, or an emergency. At that point care becomes much costlier and, in some cases, less effective. Lack of proper care early in life can also lead to the onset of preventable diseases later on, which further increases the burden on the system.

Future of Music Coalition launched HINT after its 2001 online survey of more than 2700 musicians found them likely to be uninsured or underinsured. It's important to note that the program does not sell health insurance, nor is it affiliated with companies that do. And Maiolo contends that there are no magic tricks to make affordable coverage appear.

The options vary greatly depending on an individual's work status, income and state of residence. For some, the solution may be as simple as increasing hours at their jobs to qualify for employer-provided insurance. Others may need to purchase a policy out of pocket — though several states, including Vermont (via its Catamount plan), offer subsidies to defray some of the costs. Musicians who actually make a living performing can incorporate their band to take advantage of incentives reserved for the business sector.

Insurance systems and regulations differ by state. According to Maiolo, they generally fall into three categories.

In the first are states that allow insurance companies to do business as they see fit. In other words, insurers can refuse individuals coverage or charge high-risk individuals more for their premiums.

> While we can talk about what might be a better way, in the interim the short-term solution is to demystify how health insurance works.
>
> **ALEX MAIOLO**

The second category is more inclusive but penalizes those who "choose to be sick." That is, those whose lifestyle choices — such as cigarette smoking — make them more likely to require major health-care services.

The last category is referred to as "community rating." Rather than assessing risk on an individual basis, companies that offer insurance in "pure" community rating states, such as Vermont, base their premiums on the risk factors of the population at large. In this case, all citizens are offered coverage at roughly the same rate.

This system works well for older people who are considered higher risk, as the costs of their coverage are offset by the relative good health of their younger neighbors. The latter group, however, pays comparatively higher premiums and typically uses the system less. Not an attractive deal.

Since its inception, HINT has helped hundreds of musicians sort out their health-care options. It also works with those who have coverage but can't make heads or tails out of their insurance plans. Not all policies are created equal, and simply being insured doesn't mean you're covered for *everything*.

"I think we all agree that the current system is not a good system," says Maiolo. "But it's what we've got. And while we can talk about what might be a better way, in the interim the short-term solution is to demystify how it works."

For more information on HINT or to schedule an appointment, visit www.futureofmusic.org/hint.

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LEAF PEEPING :: Long a darling of Burlington's coffeehouse folk scene, singer-songwriter **Aya Inoue** made a modest name for herself as a touring side-woman in Mike Gordon's all-star honky-tonk ensemble Ramble Dove. No longer content to play second fiddle — she's a guitarist anyway, and a pretty good one — she formed her current outfit **The Leaves** last summer. Where Inoue's solo work was quiet and contemplative, in a full band setting her material takes on an exciting new dynamic while retaining the introspective intimacy that endeared her to the café set. Check the sonic foliage at the unofficial Grace Potter and The Nocturnals after-party this Saturday at Nectar's.

SUN.17

burlington area

BACKSTAGE PUB. Karaoke with Pete, 9 p.m. Free.
BREAKWATER CAFÉ. Perry Nunn (acoustic) 4 p.m. Free.
CLUB METRONOME. Bonjour-Hi! (electronica) 9 p.m. $3/8.
FRANNY O'S. Balance DJ & Karaoke, 8 p.m. Free.
LINCOLN INN TAVERN. Pine Street Jazz with Susan Squire (jazz) 6 p.m. Free.
NECTAR'S. Mi Yard Reggae Night with Big Dog & Demus (reggae) 10 p.m. Free.
NIGHTCRAWLERS. Karaoke with Steve LeClair, 7 p.m. Free.
RADIO BEAN. Old Time Sessions, 1 p.m. Free. **Tutto Gusto** (jazz) 5 p.m. Free. **Mara Levi** (singer-songwriter) 7 p.m. Free. **Laura Vecchione** (singer-songwriter) 8 p.m., Free. **Second Shot** (folk) 9 p.m. Free. **Randal Kahn, David Symons & Sara Gordon** (acoustic) 10 p.m. Free.
RED SQUARE. Left Eye Jump (blues) 5 p.m. Free. **Sugar High with Tricky Pat & Elliott** (DJ) 10 p.m. Free.
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BEE'S KNEES. Danville Dan & Friends (alt-gram) 7:30 p.m. Donations.
THE HUB PIZZERIA & PUB. Jazz on Tap (jazz) 7:30 p.m., Free.

regional

NAKED TURTLE. Second Breakfast (acoustic-rock) 9 p.m. Free.

MON.18

burlington area

1/2 LOUNGE. Soul In Sessions with Irlandeye & Reverence (reggae) 10 p.m. Free.
HALVORSON'S UPSTREET CAFÉ. VT Jazz Ensemble (jazz) 8:30 p.m. Free.
THE MONKEY HOUSE. Monora Music, 3rd Crea (experimental) 9 p.m. $5.
NECTAR'S. Nightbirds, Stonelord, November Guest (rock) 9 p.m., Free/$5 18+.
PARIMA ACOUSTIC LOUNGE. Poets' Jam with Tremblon Stanger, 8:30 p.m. Free.
RADIO BEAN. Open Mike, 8 p.m. Free.
RED SQUARE. Taryn Noelle & Matt Wright (jazz) 8 p.m. Free. **DJ Russell** (DJ) 11 p.m., Free.

central

LANGDON STREET CAFÉ. Open Mike, 7 p.m. Free.

TUE.19

burlington area

1/2 LOUNGE. Dakota & Nastee (hip-hop) 10 p.m. Free.
HIGHER GROUND BALLROOM. Boyz II Men (soul) 8 p.m. $35/37. AA.
JP'S PUB. Dave Harrison's Starstruck Karaoke, 10 p.m. Free.
LEUNIG'S. Juliet McVicker (jazz) 7 p.m. Free.
LINCOLN INN TAVERN. Bluegrass Jam (bluegrass) 7 p.m. Free.
MANHATTAN PIZZA AND PUB. Open Mike, 10 p.m. Free.
THE MONKEY HOUSE. Mike Tamburo, Turk Lord, Haunted Creatures, Chris Weisman (experimental) 8 p.m. $5.
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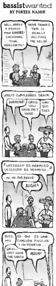
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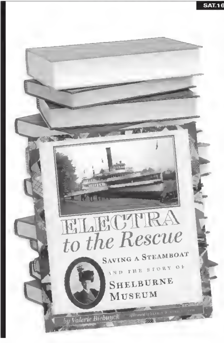

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activism

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WILPF MEETING: The Burlington Branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom reports on its August nuclear disarmament actions and plans for the September Jane Addams Birthday Tea. Peace and Justice Center, Burlington, 6-8 p.m. Free. Info, 863-8275.

agriculture

'WATER, WIRE & WELLNESS': Farm owner Bruce Hennessey and a UVM livestock specialist introduce new farmers to the principles of grazing, fencing, water systems and more. Maple Wind Farm, Huntington, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. $25 before 8/4, $40 after. Info, 223-2388.

art

Also, see exhibitions in Section A.

'PUZZLES & PASTRY': Essex residents nibble on energy snacks while decorating 15-inch-square puzzle pieces as part of the statewide "Art Fits Vermont" project. Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 878-6957.

WATERCOLOR DEMONSTRATION: Painter Gary Eckhart explains his award-winning watercolor techniques. Parade Gallery, Warren, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free. Info, 496-5445.

business

BUSINESS PLAN WORKSHOP: Veteran entrepreneurs volunteer their time to help newbies draft their dreams of self-employment into documents. Mittens Road, Shelburne Road, South Burlington, 5:30-8:30 p.m. $25 per person or $40 per couple. Info, 951-8782.

dance

BARRE CONCERT SERIES: DJ John Meyer spins big band and swing tunes for an outdoor dance party. Currier Park, Barre, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 876-0287.

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education

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP: Hable español. Brown baggers eat lunch and devour new vocab. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 12-1 p.m. Free. Info, 223-3338.

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CHARITY BINGO: Players seek matches on numbered cards, then say the magic word. Moose Bingo Hall, Colchester, 7 p.m. $10 for 12 cards. Info, 655-1510.

HOMEBUYER ORIENTATION: Before shopping, potential house hunters determine whether homeownership fits their needs. Central Vermont Community Land Trust, Barre, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Info, 476-4493, ext. 211.

ITALIAN CONVERSATION GROUP: Midday lovers try lunch in a foreign language to sharpen communication skills. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 12-1 p.m. Free. Info, 223-3338.

RUMMAGE SALE: The consignment shop sells overstock to benefit the Champlain Valley Christian School. Vene Tom Resale Shop, Vergennes, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Free. Info, 877-3615.

TIPS PROGRAM PARTY: At a modest hoedown hosted by the nonprofit Linking Learning to Life, more than a hundred high school students mark the completion of internships with local businesses. Battery Park, Burlington, 5 p.m. Free. Info, 651-8847.

fairs & festivals

ORLEANS COUNTY FAIR: In its 141st year, the celebration includes antiques and horse shows, pig scrambles, 4-H competitions and a tractor pull. Orleans County Fair, Barton, 8 a.m. $7-10. Info, 525-3555.

food & drink

ASIAN CULINARY ODYSSEY: Lisa and Mike Long serve a four-course dinner that might give their culinary experiences in Southeast Asia, featuring specialties from Thailand. Weathertop Mountain Inn, Waitsfield, 6:30 p.m. $40. Info, 496-4909.

BENEFIT DINNER: Supporters of local roots Beth Dean's family to raise funds for medical expenses incurred after his June accident, and the Stray Dogs provide musical accompaniment. Bobcat Café and Brewery, Bristol, 5-8 p.m. Cost varies according to order; 20% of meal proceeds will go directly to the recipient. Info, 345-0441.

CHOCOLATE-DIPPING DEMO: Lovers of cocoa-covered confectionery see how it's made. Laughing Moon Chocolates, Stowe, 2 p.m. Free. Info, 253-9591.

LAWN PARTY AND CHICKEN BARBEQUE: Games, vendor bingo, a pie contest and fried dough accompany the modern festival of poultry and fixings. St. Ambrose Parish, Bristol, 5 p.m. Cost varies with order. Info, 453-2488, sbenderose@adelphia.net.

MIDDLEBURY FARMERS' MARKET: Crafts, cheeses, breads and veggies vie for spots in shoppers' totes. 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The Marbleworks, Middlebury, 9 a.m. Free. Info, 897-2121.

SOUTH END FARMERS' MARKET: Residents of the Queen City's southernmost neighborhood peruse seasonal produce at outdoor stalls. Flynndog, Burlington, 3:30 p.m. Free. Info, 661-8528.

health & fitness

WATERBIRTH WORKSHOP: Parents-to-be explore the potential benefits of water births on labor, delivery and birth, and discuss its logistics in the hospital environment. Spread, Burlington, 5-6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 802-865-0060.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: Watch critters do dinner with help from the animal-care staff. ECHO at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, Burlington, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 3 p.m. $7-8.50. Info, 864-1848.

BIG INSANE GAMES: Kids who have signed up go nuts with Bee Ball, Noodle Bridge, Cannon Ball Square, Pants and Human Steel Ball. Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 3-5 p.m. Free. Info, 878-0313.

CRAFTSBURY CHAMBER PLAYERS FOR KIDS: Young ears take in a short intro to classical music. UVM Recital Hall, Burlington, 8:30 p.m. Free. Info, 800-639-3443.

PAJAMA STORYTIME: Little ones cuddle up with cookies and milk and listen to bedtime stories. Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 878-0313.

STAR QUEST: Fairbanks Museum staffers host an informative program about the night sky for ages 8 and up. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 5-8 p.m. Free. Info, 223-4665.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD: Middle and high schoolers gather to share ideas and crop nature to the librarians, helping plan programs and choose new books to order and display. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Info, 865-7228, clavell@ci.burlington.vt.us.

'WACKY WEDNESDAYS': Kids 8 and up participate in activities to engage the brain, move the body and create contraptions. ECHO at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, Burlington, 11 a.m. $7-8.50. Info, 864-1848.

movies

Also, see movie theater showtimes in Section A.

'RETURN': This may not be the only martial-arts movie of the year, but it is the only one with a pedigree. Vermont resident David Mamet directs his original screenplay. Catamount Arts Center, St. Johnsbury, 7 p.m. $8.50. Info, 748-2600.

'THE GODS MUST BE CRAZY': A Kalahari Bushman's discovery of a Coke bottle unleashes a bizarre train of events in this South African comedy. Loew Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7 p.m. $7. Info, 603-646-2422.

music

Also, see clublistings in Section B.

CRAFTSBURY CHAMBER PLAYERS: Instrumentalists show their mettle with string and piano pieces by Mozart, Beethoven and César Franck. UVM Recital Hall, Burlington, 8 p.m. $20. Info, 800-639-3443.

JOHN FOGERTY: The author of "Bad Moon Rising" shows he can still hold out classic rock with the best. Shelburne Museum, Shelburne, 7 p.m. $67 in advance, $82 day of show. Info, 652-0777.

OPEN MIKE NIGHT AND COFFEEHOUSE: Poets, musicians, singers, storytellers and comics put on an impromptu show. Phoenix Books, Essex, 8 p.m. Free. Info, 872-7111.

OPERA RECITAL: American soprano Jennifer Aylmer airs arias alongside some of her students. Hardy Center for the Arts, Waitsfield, 8 p.m. $15. Info, 496-4781.

ST. ANDREW'S PIPES AND DRUMS: Get kilt. This Scottish-style marching band welcomes new members to play bagpipes or percussion. St. James Episcopal Church, Essex, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 878-7335, jenlofy@vbta.org.

STOWE MUSIC FESTIVAL: Mexican tenor Jesus Ortega shows off his acclaimed voice on arias and songs. Topnotch Resort & Spa, Stowe, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 244-5895.

outdoors

AQUADVENTURE: Kayakers and canoeists sitting in borrow-ite vessels to explore Waterbury Reservoir on a naturalist-guided tour seeking herons, loons, kingfishers and ospreys. Little River State Park, Waterbury, 2:30-4:30 p.m. $3, call to register. Info, 244-7103.

sport

TENNIS CLINIC: Racquet wielders get feedback playing pointers from Topnotch Resort's pro coaches. Parks & Rec Tennis Courts, Stowe, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 253-8850, cygagnon@topnotchresort.com.

VERMONT LAKE MONSTERS: Vermont's minor league baseball team go in bat against the Aberdeen IronBirds of Maryland. Centennial Field, Burlington, 7:05 p.m. $5-8. Info, 655-4200.

talks

'ANCIENT ROADS OF MORRISTOWN': Amateur historians learn how some of Morrisville's original residents got around. Noyes House Museum, Morrisville, 7-8 p.m. Free. Info, 888-7617, noyeshousemuseum@gmail.com.

'BIOPHILIC DESIGN': Social ecologist Stephen Kellert of Yale University's School of Forestry and Environmental Studies explores the theory, science and practice of bringing buildings to life. Yestermorrow Design/Build School, Warren, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 496-5545.

'BODY WISDOM': Emotional healing? Folks get an intro to the interplay between thoughts and feelings and how it affects their health. Riverside Chiropractic, Montpelier, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 282-6067.

'FALLOUT': A visit to the Rockefeller family fired shelter highlights this presentation that uses photos, news reels and media clips to show how the atomic age inspired the era's memorial legislation of the 1960s and '70s. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, Woodstock, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. $8. Info, 457-3368, ext. 22.

'GYPSIES, HOBOS AND THIEVES: A SHARING OF STORIES': Residents gather to reminisce about local transients, following a lecture by Larry Coffin of the Bradford Historical Society. Bradford Academy, Bradford, 7 p.m. Donations accepted. Info, 222-9823.

'THE FIDDLE CONTEST IN VERMONT': Live fiddling by Adam Boyce and recordings of competitions illustrate different styles in the fiddlers' tradition of settling down. New Haven Historical Society, New Haven, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 453-2830.

VACCINATIONS: Dr. Heather Rice, D.C., shares facts, studies, and reports about one of the most common medical procedures. Network Chiropractic of Vermont, Shelburne, 7:15-8:15 p.m. Free. Info, 985-8850, ncv.ca@vtlink.net.

theater

'A DELICATE BALANCE': An empty-nest couple try to toe the line between sanity and madness in Edward Albee's Pulitzer-winning 1966 play. Akeley Memorial Building, Stowe, 8 p.m. $20; children 12 and under $7. Info, 253-3961.

CIRQUE SMIRKUS: The Vermont-based, touring kids' troupe presents a big-top show featuring scientific discovery via juggling, aerials and acrobatics. Montpelier High School, Montpelier, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. $15-25. Info, 877-764-7587.

'LES MISERABLES': Vive Jean Valjean! A thief struggles to reclaim his dignity in the hit musical adaptation of Victor Hugo's novel covering several decades of turbulent French history. Weston Playhouse, Weston, 3 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. $31-55. Info, 824-5288.

'MAN OF LA MANCHA': Dream the impossible dream as professionals and local performers bring Cervantes' musical to life. The Skinner Barn, Waitsfield, 8 p.m. $18. Info, 496-4422.

words

AUTHORS AT THE ALDRICH: Northeast Kingdom-based author Reeve Lindbergh contemplates leading middle age in readings from her new essay collection *Forward From Here*. Aldrich Public Library, Barre, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 476-7550.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Readers discuss Leslie Marmon Silko's *Gardens in the Dunes* as part of the Library Vistas series. North Hero Public Library, North Hero, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 372-5458.

BREAD LOAF INAUGURAL READING: Michael Collier, director of the annual writer's conference, shares the podium with Massachusetts-based novelist Margot Livesey and poet Heather McHugh. Little Theatre, Bread Loaf Writers Conference, Ripton, 8:15 p.m. Free. Info, 443-2700.

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activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: See WED.13, 5-5:30 p.m.

TOWN MEETING ON COMCAST: Senator Bernie Sanders hears local residents' opinions about recent changes in a cable-TV-and-Internet provider's prices and programming. Rutland City Hall, Rutland, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 1-800-339-9834.

art

Also, see exhibitions in Section A.

COMMUNITY DARKROOM: Shutterbugs develop film and print pictures. Center for Photographic Studies, Barre, 6 p.m. $8 per hour. Info, 479-4127.

business

QUEEN CITY BNI: Local members of Business Network International schmooze at a weekly breakfast meeting to help promote one another's companies. Room 202, Vermont Technical College, Blair Park Campus, Williston, 8 a.m. First visit is free. Info, 985-6285.

dance

FETE OF DANSE: "Recital" does not begin to describe this community dance extravaganza that incorporates hip-hop, ballet and Irish step dancing. The presenter — Marie Maac — brings rare artistry to the North Country. Rouses Point Civic Center, Rouses Point, N.Y., 7:30 p.m. $20. Info, 518-297-3936.

education

FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP: Would-be Francophones exchange info during déjeuner. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 12-1 p.m. Free. Info, 223-3338.

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BRIDGE CLUB: Partners shuffle cards and chat. Gerald Senior Center, Rutland, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 287-5754.

CHARITY BINGO: See WED.13, 7 p.m.

CLOTH DIAPERING 101: Moms and dads get down and dirty with the fine points of postern fashion and ecology. Bebop Baby Shop, Essex Junction, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 288-1002.

COLOR PROFILING WORKSHOP: Boutique staff teach the basics of finding tones of clothing that work for each person's own palette. Lily of the Valley, Waitsfield, 6-8 p.m. Free. Info, 496-5455.

ECO-SEW WORKSHOP: Crafters create environmentally friendly clutch totes from recycled fabric. The Bobbin Sew Bar & Craft Lounge, Burlington, 1-3 p.m. $25 includes materials. Info, 862-7417, mithol@thebobbin.com.

RUMMAGE SALE: See WED.13, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

THURSDAYS AT THE INTERVALE: Representatives from the Burlington Electric Department and Local First Vermont examine the self-sufficiency of the Queen City's economy, followed by a Vermont Youth Orchestra Association benefit concert. Calkins Community Barn. Talk 5:30 p.m.; music at 7 p.m. Intervale Center, Burlington. Donations. Info, 660-0440, ext. 107.

VERMONT CHESS CLUB: Pawn pushers strategize in battles of games. Faith United Methodist Church, South Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 879-4106.

fairs & festivals

F4: FLATBREAD FAMILY FUN FEST: The farm hosts fun for the family, with food from American Flatbread, prayer flag making, games and a fire circle. Bring your drum! Lareau Farm Inn, Waitsfield, 5-8 p.m. Price varies. Info, 496-4848.

ORLEANS COUNTY FAIR: See WED.13, 8 a.m.

food & drink

CHOCOLATE-DIPPING DEMO: See WED.13, 2 p.m.

TOMATO CANNING WORKSHOP: Home growers with a "love apple" glut learn how to preserve summer's bounty for delicious winter meals. Grange Hall, Montpelier, 6-8 p.m. Free. Info, 229-0782.

WATERBURY FARMERS' MARKET: Cultivators and their customers swap veggie tales and their edible inspiration at a weekly outdoor emporium. Rusty Parker Memorial Park, Waterbury, 3 p.m. Free. Info, 279-4371.

scene@ THE TAMING OF THE SHREW

DORSET PARK, SOUTH BURLINGTON, SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2 P.M.

PHOTO: MATTHEW THORSEN

The gods doth smile upon Saturday and make fine weather o'er this blustering fool! Shakespeare might have declared something like that, had he been on hand for the Strange Capers' outdoor performance of *The Taming of the Shrew* last Saturday.

Scattered across bleachers, spectators enjoyed the revered tradition of Shakespeare in the Park, courtesy of director Deja Guevin. Lamenting that she had yet to see most of her favorite Shakespeare plays live, Guevin took the DIY approach. Saturday's performance featured a cast of local actors in one of the Bard's most hilarious — albeit controversial — works. The story has been criticized for its misogynistic theme.

A rare (for this rainy summer) sun shone down and the actors appeared somewhat blinded and sweaty. The audience laughed as the untamable Katharine (Kate), played by the deliciously saucy redhead Wendy Webster, fought off the advances of her indomitable suitor Petruchio, played convincingly by David DiLego. "Woo her, wed her, bed her and rid the house of her!" Indeed.

Kohler McKenzie, with classic good looks, played the witty Lucentio, lusting after Kate's younger sister Bianca. Jane Beagley delivered the sweet Bianca with eye-fluttering, skirt-ruffling aplomb. It appeared she had no problem swooning over the men in the audience as well.

Shakespeare's dialogue transcends the need for lavish production pieces, but it was nonetheless a testament to Guevin's adept direction that her *Taming* came vividly to life with no sets and only minimal props. Even sitting on hard bleachers under a surprisingly hot sun, the audience was happily transported to 16th-century Padua. As the great wordsmith put it, "All the world's a stage" — including a public park in South Burlington, Vermont.

KINSEY LABBERTON

WINOOSKI FARMERS' MARKET: A teen-run stand selling produce grown in the town's Landry Park is among the local farm, music and crafts on offer. Champlain Mill, Winooski. 3:30 p.m. Free. Info, 655-6410, ext. 11.

health & fitness

ZUMBA FITNESS: Step-by-step salsa, try out Latin-dance-inspired exercises mixed with high energy, international rhythms. Vermont Health and Racquet Club, South Burlington. 7 p.m. $10, first time free. Info, 318-6686.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See WED.13, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m.

CIRCUS SMIRKUS: Twelve young jugglers, tumblers and clowns perform a mini-big-top show. ECHO at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, Burlington. 10:30 a.m. $7-9.50. Info, 864-1848.

'MEET THE SCIENTIST: NANOMATERIALS AND YOU': Kids 8 and over join a UVM physicist and experience the strange properties of a magnetic fluid. ECHO at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, Burlington. 2 p.m. $7-9.50. Info, 864-1848.

MORNING STORIES: Local tale tellers engage kids of all ages with a mix of nursery rhymes, fairy tales, songs and games. Pierson Library, Shelburne. 10:30 a.m. Free. Info, 985-5124.

MUSIC WITH PETER: The under-3 set and their caretakers keep the beat. Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, Williston. 10:30 a.m. Free. Info, 878-4918.

'RESISTING BOREDOM' GROUP: Teens graduate from summer vacation with a weekly social gathering featuring movie screenings and book discussions. Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, Williston. 4-5 p.m. Free. Info, 878-4918.

STAR QUEST: See WED.13, 6-8 p.m.

WESTFORD STORYTIME: Kids peruse picture books and create crafts. Westford Library, Westford. 11 a.m. Free. Info, 878-5639.

WINOOSKI PLAYGROUP: Babies up to age 2 socialize with each other and their caregivers at a session offering music, books and toys. Winooski Memorial Library, Winooski. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Free. Info, 655-6424.

movies

Also, see movie theater selections in Section A.

'BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S': In this 1961 classic, Audrey Hepburn stars as an offbeat call girl who enchants a lonely, struggling writer. Town Green, Bristol. 8:30 p.m. Free. Info, 453-5883.

'DADDY DAY CARE': In this 2003 comedy, two unemployed fathers open their own childcare center after becoming stay-at-home dads. Camp out on the top level of Montpelier's parking garage to catch a free screening at dusk. City Center Parking Garage, Montpelier. 8:30 p.m. Free. Info, 223-4684.

'LOVE COMES LATELY': Director Jan Schutte is on hand to discuss his film about an aged but still romantically minded professor, shot at Dartmouth. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H. 7 p.m. $7. Info, 603-646-2576.

'REBOLT': See WED.13, 7 p.m.

music

Also, see clubdates in Section B.

AN EVENING WITH ALICIA RAY LAUSEL: The singer/songwriter/guitarist performs songs from her three albums with influences ranging from jazz to Brazilian and Hawaiian rhythms. Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium, St. Johnsbury. 7-8:30 p.m. $6. Info, 748-2372.

BALLARD PARK CONCERT SERIES: Music by Big Spike Bluegrass provides a peek at the lineup for the sixth annual Otis Mountain Music Festival. Ballard Park, Westport, N.Y. 7 p.m. Donations. Info, 518-962-8778.

BROWN BAG CONCERT SERIES: The musical duo Don't Git Wagon rolls out Irish jigs and old-time tunes. Christ Church Pocket Park, Montpelier. 12 p.m. Free. Info, 223-9604.

COLCHESTER CONCERT SERIES: Abby Caldwell and the Aimless Drifters play acoustic rock for all ages. You'll hear everything from vintage Johnny Cash to contemporary Jack Johnson. Bayside Park, Colchester. 7 p.m. Free. Info, 264-5640.

CRAFTSBURY CHAMBER PLAYERS: Instrumentalists explore chamber music roots with selections by Mozart, Beethoven and George Rochberg. Hardwick Town House, Hardwick. 8 p.m. $20. Info, 800-639-3443.

'GROWIN' ON THE GREEN' CONCERT SERIES: Patty Dodge and the Main Key rock out as a 10-to-14-piece band of middle-schoolers performing self-written tunes. Maple Tree Place, Williston. 6-8 p.m. Free. Info, 877-446-3243.

OLD SCHOOLHOUSE COMMON SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: The Cherry Brothers join Jim Mansfield and Doug Perkins for grassy bluegrass rambles. Bandstand, Marshfield. 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 426-3581.

OPEN MIKE: Poetry and performance art share stage space with solo singers, instrumentalists and bands at this weekly free-form talent show. Indigenous, St. Johnsbury. 7 p.m. Free. Info, 748-3433, indigenoustalentandmore@gmail.com.

SNOW FARM VINEYARD CONCERT SERIES: Jimmy Branca and the Mystic Mojo Trio entertain picnic packers at an outdoor concert of original rock. Snow Farm Winery, South Hero. 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 372-9463.

STOWE MUSIC FESTIVAL: Violinist Lucie Robert accompanies the dynamic young musicians of the Orchestre de la Francophonie Canadienne. Friday's program spotlights scores from classic movies. Topnotch Resort & Spa, Stowe. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 244-5845, tch@mainstreamtalent.com.

WATERBURY ROTARY CONCERT SERIES: Electric dance rock from fab band Hitman and the Movers. Rusty Parker Memorial Park, Waterbury. 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 244-7193.

outdoors

'GHOST' HIKE: Night walkers take red cellophane-covered flashlights to look for owls, bats and other nocturnal beasties while visiting a 200-year-old homestead and cemetery. Little River State Park, Waterbury. 7:30 p.m. $3; bring a flashlight. Info, 244-7103.

sport

OTAB RIDE: Experienced cyclists join a group in training on 30- to 35-mile routes around Montpelier. Meet in the parking lot to explore various Central Vermont locations. Onion River Sports, Montpelier. 6:15 p.m. Free. Info, 229-9409.

SUMMER BIATHLON RACE SERIES: In a warm-weather version of the winter sport that combines skiing and rifle marksmanship, cross-country runners race 5K punctuated with two shooting stops. Instruction, rifle and safety clinic provided; newbies can just bring running shoes. Registration, novice clinic, and rifle zeroing, 5 p.m.; race starts at 6 p.m. Ethan Allen Firing Range, Jericho. 5 p.m. $5-10 per race, $50 for the series. Info, eabiathlon@gmail.com.

VERMONT LAKE MONSTERS: See WED.13, 7:05 p.m.

talks

'TALKING ART': Photographer Kayle Rabe hosts a lecture series profiling Mad River Valley female artists. Big Picture Theater & Café, Waitsfield. 7 p.m. Free. Info, 496-8994.

theater

'A DELICATE BALANCE': See WED.13, 8 p.m.

'ARSENIC AND OLD LACE': A drama critic discovers his two aunts are murdering men in this mortally black comedy. Adamant Music School, Adamant. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 229-9297.

'JUNE MOON': In this Jazz-Age comedy about the insincerity of the music business, a songwriter meets two young lovers and seeks a ditty worth a fortune. Dorset Theatre, Dorset. 3 p.m. & 8 p.m. $15-47. Info, 867-5777.

'LES MISÉRABLES': See WED.13, 7:30 p.m.

'MAN OF LA MANCHA': See WED.13, 8 p.m.

'SHIRLEY VALENTINE': Lost Nation Theater stages Willie Russell's one-woman comedy about a bored Brit housewife who gives herself a holiday to remember. Montpelier City Hall Auditorium, Montpelier. 7 p.m. $15-25. Info, 229-0492.

'THE COMEDY OF ERRORS': John Nagle directs the "Shakespeare in the Park" players in one of the Bard's most popular comedies. Knight Point State Park, North Hero. 6 p.m. $20 includes park fee. Info, 483-5984.

words

BOB BENNETT: The sports journalist reads from his book *Johnny Podres: Brooklyn's Yankee Killer*. Briggs Carriage Bookstore, Brandon. 7 p.m. Free. Info, 247-0050.

BREAD LOAF READINGS: Novelist Lynn Freed talks about the relationship of autobiography to fiction in the morning, and afternoon readings by Pulitzer Prize winner Edward P. Jones and journalist Susan Orlean of *The Orchid Thief* fame follow. American poet and critic James Longenbach and Mexican-born nonfiction writer Luis Alberto Urrea share the podium come dusk. Little Theatre, Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, Ripton. 8 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 8:15 p.m. Free. Info, 443-2700.

STRAFFORD TOWN HOUSE READING SERIES: Novelist and longtime *Farmer's Almanac* contributor Edith Fennessy Jr. reads excerpts, followed by personal essayist Don Mintz. A 6 p.m. lawn picnic allows audience members to rub elbows with readers. Strafford Town House, Strafford. 7 p.m. Free. Info, 765-4037.

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activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: See WED.13, 5-6:30 p.m.

dance

AILEY II: The ballet troupe performs Troy Powell's 'The External Knot,' Christopher L. Huggins' 'When Dawn Comes' and Stephane Bibeau's 'Fragile' with new works. Lake Placid Center for the Arts, Lake Placid, N.Y. 8 p.m. $25-50. Info, 518-523-2512, info@lakeplacidarts.org.

BALLROOM DANCE SOCIAL: Singles and couples of all ages learn ballroom, swing and Latin dancing. Jazzercise Studio, Williston. 7 p.m. $12. Info, 862-2269, rdenid@comcast.net.

[illegible] NATIONAL DANCE COMPANY: Earnest movers celebrate 2008's election campaigns with tongue-in-cheek physical commentary. Bread and Puppet Theater, Glover. 8 p.m. $5 suggested donation. Info, 525-3031, [illegible]@yahoo.com.

'RUNNING UPHILL BACKWARDS': The Merián Soto Dance Co. of San Francisco visits Vermont with a dreamlike sequence of movement, sound and imagery. Phantom Theater, The Edgcomb Barn, Warren. 8 p.m. $15. Info, 496-5997.

etc.

CHARITY BINGO: See WED.13, 7 p.m.

FAMILY FRIDAY: FABULOUS FROGS: In a brief discovery experiment, folks of all ages make amphibian masks with retractable tongues, then conduct a frog survey. Rokeby Museum, Ferrisburgh. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. $3. Info, 877-3406.

LIKEMIND MEETING: At this Green City chapter of a worldwide networking organization, creative professionals gather to discuss new directions, ventures, marketing, trend forecasting, design and production. New Moon Café, Burlington. 8:15 a.m. Free. Info, jo@jedcrystal.com.

MIDDLEBURY LANGUAGE SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT: A cultural performance precedes the graduation ceremony of 150 Master's candidates in Chinese, French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish. Mead Chapel, Middlebury College, Middlebury. 3 p.m. Free. Info, 443-5836.

RUMMAGE SALE: See WED.13, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

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SUIT YOURSELF: Local designer Rebecca Mack shows secondhand shoppers how to alter thrift-store finds to complement unique physiques. The Bobbin Sew Bar & Craft Lounge, Burlington, 2-4 p.m. $37 includes one additional hour of sewing time. Info, 862-7417, rachel@thebobbin.com.

TEXAS HOLD 'EM AND CASINO NIGHT: Charitable gamers play blackjack, craps, roulette and Wheel of Fortune to benefit the Colchester Milton Rotary Club. Hampton Inn, Colchester, 7-11 p.m. $5 entry fee, $100 buy-in for Hold 'Em. Info, 985-5591, suzanne@vermontsp@aol.com.

'WHAT NOT TO WEAR': Get ready for fall with a personal clothing consultation. Lily of the Valley, Waitsfield, 2-8 p.m. Free. Info, 496-5455.

YARD & GARAGE SALE: Rain or shine, bargain hunters seek treasures and trinkets at a rummage benefit for the Bradford United Church of Christ. 253 North Main Street, Bradford, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free. Info, 222-4425.

fairs & festivals

LAKE CHAMPLAIN MARITIME FESTIVAL: Antique boat displays, shipwreck tours, canoe and kayak races, live music, food vendors and kids' activities offer something for everyone in a three-day tribute to the lake's past, present and future. Waterfront Park, Burlington, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Free. Info, 482-5515.

ORLEANS COUNTY FAIR: See WED 15, 8 a.m.

food & drink

CHOCOLATE DIPPING DEMO: See WED 15, 2 p.m.

RICHMOND FARMERS MARKET: Live music entertains fresh-food browsers at a melody-centered market connecting farmers and cooks. Volunteers Green, Richmond, 3-6 p.m. Free. Info, 434-5273.

WESTFORD FARMERS' MARKET: Purveyors of produce and other edibles take a stand at outdoor stalls. Westford Common, Westford, 3:30 p.m. Free. Info, 878-7465.

kids

'A POCKETFUL OF WONDERS': Using multiple character voices, sound effects and music, performer Dida Hodson brings international folk tales to life. Montshire Museum of Science, Norwich, 2 p.m. $8-11. Info, 649-2200.

ANIMAL FEEDING: See WED 13, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 3 p.m.

BOP-TASTIC BIRTHDAY BASH: A fingerpainting mural, games, raffles and a toddler-friendly Princess bounce entertain tykes at a cake-inclusive community party. Bebop Baby Shop, Essex Junction, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free. Info, 288-6462.

movies

Also, see movie theater showtimes in Section A.

'ROMAN DE GARE': The title refers to the pulp novels sold in French train stations. Part-film mystery, starring Fanny Ardant, has far loftier artistic goals. Catamount Arts Center, St. Johnsbury, 7 p.m. $6.50. Info, 748-2600.

'THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES': Kids in first grade and up compare the PG-rated fantasy film adaptation to its source, Holly Black and Tony DiTerlizzi's best-selling book series. Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, Williston, 6 p.m. Free. Info, 878-4918.

music

Also, see clubdates in Section A.

BRIAN CONWAY AND BRENDAN DOLAN: The multi-instrumental duo plays Irish tunes. Park Square, Vergennes, 8 p.m. $15. Info, 877-3337.

'DEMOCRACY': Former Phish bassist Mike Gordon teams up with Senator Bernie Sanders for a youth-vote salute, and special guests Ron Thayer and Perfect Trainwreck join in. Waterfront Park, Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 793-6951.

FRAN BEAUDEAU & THE SHADOWCROFT BAND: Troubadours triumph with acoustic country, folk and gospel tunes. Briggs Carriage Bookstore, Brandon, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 247-0050.

LITTLE RIVER BAND: Three members of the Australian group that scored seven U.S. top-10 singles in the late 1970s bring its soft-rock tunes. Paramount Theatre, Rutland, 7 p.m. $32.50-42.50. Info, 775-0903.

OTIS MOUNTAIN MUSIC FESTIVAL: Folk, acoustic rock and country concerts raise money for Adirondack charities. Otis Mountain, Elizabethtown, N.Y., 5-6 p.m. $8.50. Info, 518-873-7555.

STOWE MUSIC FESTIVAL: See THU 14, 7:30 p.m.

outdoors

ROGATVENTURE: See WED 13, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

HISTORY HIKE: On this guided walk through what's now a streamside forest, cellar holes, stone walls and artifacts unearthed delineate the ruins of Little River Settlement. Little River State Park, Waterbury, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. $5. Info, 244-7103.

RUTLAND LONG TRAIL FESTIVAL: Campers enjoy three days of conservation-based educational programs, food and musical entertainment. Vermont State Fairgrounds, Rutland, August 15-17. Free. Info, 802-770-1485, ldquyvhtkd@hotmail.com.

sport

VOLLEYBALL AND GAMES NIGHT: Essex Alliance Church invites divorced, widowed and single adults to pack a bag supper for a night of outdoor activities. Call ahead to reserve a spot. Williston Community Park, Williston, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 878-8057, mnmagicmvt@aol.net.

theater

'A DELICATE BALANCE': See WED 13, 8 p.m.

'ARSENIC AND OLD LACE': See THU 14, 7:30 p.m.

CIRCUS SMIRKUS: The Vermont-based touring kids' troupe presents a big-top show featuring eccentric wacky-very-vie juggling, aerials and acrobatics. Circus Barn, Greensboro, 7 p.m. $16-18. Info, 877-764-7587.

'IRAQ REFUGEE PROJECT': Writer-directors Jessica Blank and Erik Jensen present their work-in-progress, a series of monologues based on interviews they conducted with people who fled the war-torn nation. Warner Bentley Theater, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 8 p.m. $10. Info, 603-646-2422.

'JUNE MOON': See THU 14, 8 p.m.

'LES MISERABLES': See WED 13, 8 p.m.

'MAN OF LA MANCHA': See WED 13, 8 p.m.

'SHIRLEY VALENTINE': See THU 14, 8 p.m.

'THE COMEDY OF ERRORS': See THU 14, 7 p.m.

'THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS': Fifteen actors aged 8 to 18 stage an adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's beloved, bucolic chronicle of old charismatic woodland critters. Montpelier City Hall Auditorium, Montpelier, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. $6. Info, 229-0492.

words

BREAD LOAF READINGS: Poet Edward Hirsch pairs verse and walking in a morning talk, and literary luminaries Jennifer Grotz, Katie Peterson and Martha Southgate offer afternoon readings. Post-sundown, novelist Joanna Scott joins poet Dean Young. Little Theatre, Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, Ripton, 9 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. & 8:15 p.m. Free. Info, 443-2700.

BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB: Readers pack a lunch and discuss *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman. Coffee, tea, juice and dessert provided. Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, Williston, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Free. Info, 878-4918.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE BOOK DISCUSSION: Followers of books and politics review *Worth Fighting For* by John McCain. Future meetings feature tomes by Barack Obama and Margaret Truman. Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, Williston, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Info, 878-4918.

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activism

'WALK FOR CHILDREN': Concerned Vermonters march as funds in memory of Brooke Bennett to prevent further child abuse. Governor Jim Douglas, Mayor Mary Hooper and "Spiderman" lend their support. Vermont Statehouse Lawn, Montpelier, 9 a.m. Donations. Info, 1-800-244-5373.

art

Also, see exhibitions in Section A.

ANIMAL PORTRAITS: Sean Callahan paints pets from photographs provided by proud owners. Artisans Gallery, Waitsfield, 10-4 p.m. Free. Info, 496-6256.

ARTIST MARKET: Local artists show their stuff outdoors and offer original works for sale, in tandem with the Burlington Farmers Market. Firehouse Center for the Visual Arts Plaza, Burlington, 9 a.m. Free. Info, 865-7166.

PRINTING DEMONSTRATION: Rae Newell explains her printing techniques. Parade Gallery, Warren, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free. Info, 496-5445.

RAKU FIRING: People watch hand-thrown pots fire up in a 1500-degree kiln — then try their hand at glazing. The Naked Potter, Waitsfield, 5-7 p.m. $55 to participate; free to watch. Info, 496-6835, info@artfiring.vtsun.com.

Do you have an event that you would like to share?

submission guidelines

All submissions are due in writing at noon on the Thursday before publication. Be sure to include the following in your email or fax:

name of event, brief description, specific location, time, cost and contact phone number. SEVEN DAYS edits for space and style.

Use our convenient online form at:
www.sevendaysvt.com/calendar

dance

'RUNNING UPHILL BACKWARDS': See FRI 15, 8 p.m.

education

FRENCH ROUNDTABLE: Speakers at various skill levels order café during an open practice session. Briggs Carriage Bookstore, Brandon, 8:30 a.m. Free. Info, 247-0050.

etc.

ARTIST YARD SALE: Creative types unload the spare art books, easels, paint and equipment. The Starving Artist, Waitsfield, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free. Info, 496-7147.

'CELESTIAL EVENING' WAGON RIDE: Picnickers packing their own dinners get a ride to the lake from a horse-drawn conveyance, then watch the sun set and the moon rise. Shelburne Farms, Shelburne, 6-9 p.m. $20. Info, 985-8442, ext. 541.

CHARITY BINGO: See WED 13, 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE: Browsers shop for small appliances, antiques, baby clothes and everything in between. All proceeds support area youth and their families. Champlain Valley Exposition, Essex Junction, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free. Info, 951-6848.

FAMILY AFTERNOON: The Seth Warner Mount Independence Fife & Drum Corps performs Revolutionary War favorites with lively commentary; then site interpreter Carl Fuller leads a battlefield talk and hike. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, Hubbardton, 1 p.m. Donations accepted. Info, 273-2282.

HISTORIC TOUR OF UVM: Folks register online, then meet at the Allen's statue to tour the campus' modest early classrooms and grand Victorians, led by UVM Emeritus Professor William Averyt. UVM Waterman Building, Burlington, 9-11 a.m. Free. Info, 656-5151.

HOMEBUYERS' WORKSHOP: Info on getting into debt: potential house hunters gather info on real estate valuation and mortgage financing methods. Central Vermont Community Land Trust, Barre, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. $55 per household. Info, 479-4403, ext. 211.

HONEY BEE & HARVEST CELEBRATION: Samples of raw honey and plant-based medicines accompany a screening of local filmmaker Jon Cannon's documentary *Health and the Hive: A Beekeeper's Journey*. Potluck dinner at 6 p.m., film at 7 p.m. Town Hall, Harvard, 8 p.m. Free, bring a dish to share. Info, 254-5777.

'KOMERA — BE STRONG!' FASHION SHOW: Local nonprofit Change the World Kids puts on a sit-down African dinner with a fashion show benefit for children in Rwanda. North Universalist Chapel Society, Woodstock, 6:30 p.m. $20, call for reservations. Info, 457-2222, info@changetheworldkids.org.

MODEL ROCKET LAUNCH: Weather permitting, fans of pyrotechnics and mini parachutes prepare for lift-offs up to 10,000 feet. Call for location; weather conditions may postpone the launch until Sunday. Undisclosed location, St. Albans, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free. Info, 878-2791.

NOMAD DOG AGILITY TRIAL: Canines and their handlers dodge and weave for prizes in a series of obstacle courses. Topnotch Field, Topnotch Resort, Stowe, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free.

RIVER CLEAN-UP & JUNK ART CONTEST: Shovels, canoes and trash bags are provided to artists seeking to beautify the Mad River by collecting detritus and using it to create sculptures. Waitsfield Village Green, Waitsfield, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free. Info, 496-8197.

RUMMAGE SALE: See WED 13, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

SEWING MACHINE INTRO: Feed dogs? Zipper feet? First-timers learn the anatomy of sewing aids in a two-hour course, then take a test drive and plan an easy project. The Bobbin Sew Bar & Craft Lounge, Burlington, 2-4 p.m. $30 includes an additional hour of open sewing time. Info, 802-862-7417, rachel@thebobbin.com.

VCAM ACCESS ORIENTATION: Would-be video producers get an overview of the facilities, policies and procedures at a local cable TV station. VCAM Studio, Burlington, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Free. Info, 651-9692.

YARD & GARAGE SALE: See FRI 15, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

fairs & festivals

BLUEBERRY MOON FESTIVAL: Lovers of the sweet berry celebrate the full moon with water sports, potlucks and dress clothes. Blueberry Lake, Warren, 2 p.m. Free. Info, 496-2708.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN MARITIME FESTIVAL: See FRI 15, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.

ORLEANS COUNTY FAIR: See WED 13, 8 a.m.

food & drink

BURLINGTON FARMERS' MARKET: Sixty-three vendors sell everything from fresh fruits and vegetables to ethnic cuisine to pottery to artisan cheese. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Burlington City Hall Park, Burlington, 8:30 a.m. Free. Info, 883-009-6398.

CAPITAL CITY FARMERS' MARKET: More than 60 central Vermont vendors hawk fresh produce, baked goods, seedlings, crafts and more, accompanied by live music. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 60 State Street, Montpelier, 9 a.m. Free. Info, 685-4360.

LOCAL FOOD TOUR: Conscious eaters sign up to learn how to make the most of the Eat Local Challenge in September with provided menu plans and recipes. City Market, Burlington, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Free. Info, 861-9740, AFestin@citymarket.coop.

MIDDLEBURY FARMERS' MARKET: See WED 13, 9 a.m.

MILTON FARMERS' MARKET: Art and pies alike tempt seekers of produce, crafts and maple goodies. 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Milton Grange, Milton, 9:30 a.m. Free. Info, 893-7734.

NORTHWEST FARMERS' MARKET: Stock up on local, seasonal produce, garden plants, canned goods and handmade crafts. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Taylor Park, St. Albans, 9 a.m. Free. Info, 576-5201.

WINES OF SOUTH AMERICA: Oenophiles pair drinks with food and dance to an eight-piece Brazilian jazz band. Waitsfield Wine Shop, Waitsfield, 2-5 p.m. Free. Info, 583-8651.

health & fitness

ALTERNATIVE HEALING DEMONSTRATIONS: Practitioners at the Next Level Healing Alliance teach the basics of massage, yoga healing and craniosacral therapies. Mad River Valley Health Center, Waitsfield, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Free. Info, 496-5712.

PERCOLATION TINCTURING WORKSHOP: At-home healers sign up to learn how to fill up their own medicine. City Market, Burlington, 12-1 p.m. Free. Info, 861-9740, AFestin@citymarket.coop.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See WED 13, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 3 p.m.

BEBOP PLAYGROUP: Adults indulge in coffee and bagels while kids up to age 5 meet their peers. Bebop Baby Shop, Essex Junction, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 861-6462.

BOP-TASTIC BIRTHDAY BASH: See FRI 15, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

CLAY PLAY: Kids experience fine pottery hand-building with those over age 8 welcome to try their hands at the wheel. Waitsfield Pottery, Waitsfield, 5:5 p.m. Experience is free; there is a charge to bring pot home. Info, 496-7155.

KIDS' CRAFT LAB: Small hands work with recycled materials to make new stuff. The Bobbin Sew Bar & Craft Lounge, Burlington, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. $5 per child. Info, 862-7417, rachel@thebobbin.com.

KUNG FU: Using swords and staffs, Maggie Pysta Iin and her team demonstrate the art of balance with weapons. ECHO at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, Burlington, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. $7-9.50. Info, 864-1848.

'LEONARDO'S INCREDIBLE ICE CREAM INCIDENT': Free ice cream, a jumping castle, fire trucks and ambulances draw kids of all ages. Big Picture Theater & Cafe, Waitsfield, 3-5 p.m. Free. Info, 496-8682.

'SATURDAY STORIES': Librarians read from popular picture books. Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 878-0313.

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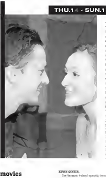
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FACING THE MUSIC

Pop composers dismayed by digital distribution may wish they were working in their great granddads' heyday. The music biz has never been easy, though, as noted in the 1925 comedy *June Moon*. In it, a young songwriter nearly falls prey to a brass-hearted dame after hitting the Big Apple, where Tin Pan Alley tunesmiths write pretty ditties with dubious rhyme schemes for, well, a song. The show's melody makes manages a big hit, however, after which he's set for life — if he can locate his true love. The Dorset Theatre offers this collaboration between American humor giants George S. Kaufman and Ring Lardner — the second production in its "Kaufman Collection" series presenting the dramaturge's major stage works. The Jazz-Age Broadway romp runs Tuesdays through Sundays until August 30.

JUNE MOON

Thursday through Sunday, August 14-17 and Tuesday & Wednesday, August 19 & 20, at the Dorset Theatre, see calendar listings for various times. $15-40. Info, 867-5777. www.dorsettheatrefestival.org

movies

Also, see movie theater showtimes in Section A.

'DADDY DAY CARE' In this 2003 comedy, two unemployed fathers open their own childcare center after becoming stay-at-home dads. Bring your own chair to catch a free outdoor screening at dusk. Ben and Jerry's Factory, Waterbury, 8:50 p.m. Free. Info, 882-1240, ext. 2285.

'REDBELT' David Mamet wrote and directed this thriller about a martial arts master and how crime and competition compromise his ideals. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7 p.m. & 9 p.m. $7. Info, 603-646-2576.

'ROMAN DE GARE' See FRI.15, 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.

'THE FLYING SCOTSMAN' This 2006 film chronicles the true story of a champion cyclist who built his ride out of washing-machine parts. Savoy Theater, Montpelier, 4 p.m. Free. Info, 223-0504.

music

Also, see clubdates in Section B.

AARON TIPPIN: The Gold- and Platinum-selling artist performs a concert including number-one hits "There Ain't Nothin' Wrong with the Radio" and "Kiss This." Orleans County Fair, Barton, 8 p.m. $22 in advance, $26 at the gate. Info, 863-5069.

AURORA ANCIENT MUSIC: Liz Thompson, Amity Baker and Susan Comeau lend their voices to airs from the age of knights and ladies fair, from Hildegard von Bingen's mystical chants to the rich polyphony of the 14th century. All Souls Interfaith Gathering, Shelburne, 7 p.m. $10-15. Info, 454-8212.

BENEFIT CONCERT: Artists and believers participate in sing-alongs to support the first Community Based Institute on Peace Education in the United States, to take place in Vermont in March 2009. Magnolia Restaurant, Burlington, 8-10 p.m. $10. Info, 922-3737.

GRACE POTTER AND THE NOCTURNALS: As part of the Lake Champlain Maritime Festival, the Waitsfield-native-gone-national plays electric-acoustic music with her band in their only Green Mountain concert of the summer. Swamp rock band Blues and Lasers opens, starring a few moonlighting Nocturnals. Waterfront Park, Burlington, 5:30 p.m. $30 in advance, $35 day of show. Info, 482-3315.

JUNE'S RECITAL: Jazz guitarist Xander Naylor plays works by various composers. UVM Recital Hall, Burlington, 4 p.m. Free. Info, 656-3040.

KEVIN GONTER: The Vermont-trained operatic tenor performs songs and arias in Italian, French, German and English before he leaves for the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music. UVM Recital Hall, Burlington, 7 p.m. Donations accepted. Info, 899-2094.

MAGIC OF MASTER FIDDLERS VI: Scott Campbell, who's won the New England Open Fiddle Championships 14 times, headlines a concert to benefit the hospice program of the Orleans/Essex Visiting Nurses Association. North Country Union High School, Newport, 7:30-10 p.m. $13-18. Info, 334-5213.

OTIS MOUNTAIN MUSIC FESTIVAL: See FRI.15, 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

THE INDIAMAN TRAITOR: Experimental musician Julian Rummey DeFehca brings modern acoustic storytelling to the Frog Hollow Summer Concert Series. Frog Hollow, Middlebury, 1 p.m. Free. Info, 388-5177, cgakens@clarku.edu.

TIM PENNY: Faith and Larry Welton perform a mixed bag of old and new folk tunes on guitar, mandolin, harmonica and glockenspiel. Briggs Carriage Bookstore, Brandon, 2 p.m. Free. Info, 247-0050.

VALLEY STAGE MUSIC FESTIVAL: Lovers enjoy food and frolicking between acts that include Lewis Franco, Anaïs Mitchell, Kat Arts and the Dobbs. Valley Stage, Huntington, 1-6:30 p.m. $25-60, $30-75 day of event. Info, 434-4095.

outdoors

BIKE FERRY: Cyclists go the distance between Burlington and the Champlain Islands on what used to be a railroad pool, thanks to Local Motion's causeway-bridging ferry. Colchester Causeway, Colchester, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. $5 round trip. Info, 652-2453, info@localmotion.org.

GHOST HIKE: See THU.14, 7-8 p.m.

'PEDAL FOR PAWS': Riders raise funds for the North Country Animal League on a 25-mile, 50-mile or 100-mile scenic route past major falls. A barbecue and raffle follow. Commodores Inn, Stowe, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. $50-60 for ride & BBQ, $20 for BBQ alone. Info, 888-5065.

RUTLAND LONG TRAIL FESTIVAL: See FRI.15.

religion & spirituality

NAN O'BRIEN: The local medium responds to audience questions about connecting to those who have "passed into Spirit." New Haven Town Hall, New Haven, 7 p.m. $30-35. Info, 453-5978, cscasum@gmavt.net.

sport

ITOGEN 100: THE HEART OF VERMONT RELAY: Relay teams pound 100 scenic miles of pavement, from Stowe to Okemo, along Route 100. Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. $240-500 per team. Free to watch. Info, 434-8644.

MUAY THAI MAYHEM: Fighters trained in "the art of the eight limbs" challenge each other to Thai boxing matches in an arena-sports championship. Memorial Auditorium, Burlington, 7 p.m. $25-50. Info, 893-9066.

SATURDAY MORNING GROUP RIDE: Two-wheelers of all abilities practice moving en masse on a 25- to 35-mile route that emphasizes drafting, paceline and cycling etiquette. Bring a helmet. Onion River Sports, Montpelier, 8 a.m. Free. Info, 229-9409.

talks

HOME BUYER EDUCATION: This workshop walks potential property owners through buying, budgeting and getting their credit in order. Opportunities Credit Union, Burlington, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Free for members, $10 nonmembers. Info, 865-3404, ext. 127, jlong@ocunet.org.

'HOW TO AWAKEN YOUR INNER STORYTELLER': Adults and young people gather ahead to hear tale spinner Odin Rodfen show his insight into the creative process. Montshire Museum of Science, Norwich, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. $75-100. Info, 603-838-5120.

RAFAEL CAUDURO: The contemporary Mexican muralist discusses his rolling of striking paintings and murals. Helen Day Art Center, Stowe, 5:30 p.m. Free. Info, 244-8008.

'SHEEP TO SHAWL': Alex Garver follows listeners through every stage of wool production. Noyes House Museum, Morrisville, 2 p.m. Free. Info, 888-7617, noyeshomemuseum@gmail.com.

'THE WAYS OF MOUNTAIN MEN': Authentic artifacts back up true stories about the trappers who roamed the American West from 1820 to 1830. Little River State Park Historic Museum, Waterbury, 7-8 p.m. $3. Info, 244-7103.

theater

'A DELICATE BALANCE': See WED.13, 8 p.m.

'ARSENIC AND OLD LACE': See THU.14, 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

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'MAN OF LA MANCHA': See WED.13, 8 p.m.

NEW YORK THEATRE WORKSHOP: The off-Broadway company showcases works-in-progress during a three-week residency. Warner Bentley Theater, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 8 p.m. $10. Info, 603-646-2422.

'PIPPIN': Charlemagne's son searches for a purpose in life in Stephen Schwartz's long-running Broadway musical. Depot Theatre, Westport, N.Y., 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. $21-25. Info, 518-962-4449.

'SHIRLEY VALENTINE': See THU.14, 8 p.m.

'THE COMEDY OF ERRORS': See THU.14, 6 p.m.

'THE TAMING OF THE SHREW': Spectators bring a picnic dinner and blanket or low-backed chair to watch Shakespeare's tale of self-discovery and mutual transformation. Battery Park, Burlington, 2 p.m. Free. Info, 258-0023, strangecapers@gmail.com.

'THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS': See FRI.15, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

words

BREAD LOAF READINGS: Novelist and critic Thomas Mallon considers "the literary imagination" in the morning, and author and memoirist Dustin Beall Smith and short-fiction writer Steven Wingate read in the afternoon. An evening session includes narrative fiction author Lucy Corin, poet Amaud Jamaul Johnson and journalist Ted Conover. Little Theatre, Bread Loaf Writers Conference, Ripton, 8 a.m., 4:15 p.m. & 8:15 p.m. Free. Info, 443-2700.

'ELECTRA TO THE RESCUE' BOOK LAUNCH PARTY: Author Valerie Fleischer autographs copies of her kid-friendly, illustrated ode to the Shelburne Museum and its founder. Shelburne Museum, Shelburne, 2-5 p.m. Free. Info, 985-3346.

'THE CRUELEST MONTH': Writer Louise Penny reads and discusses her latest mystery, based on small-town life in Quebec. Ryan Books, Johnson, 12 p.m. Free. Info, 635-7472, mwallette@tohvart.com.

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art

Also, see exhibitions in Section A.

SHRINE WORKSHOP: Alicia Ray Laurel teaches participants to turn junk into personally meaningful art. Lamoa Farm Inc., Waitsfield, 10 a.m. $20. Info, 496-9682, alicia@aliciaraylaurel.com.

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ARTIST YARD SALE: See SAT.16, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

CHARITY BINGO: See WED.13, 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE: See SAT.16, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

HISTORIC OPEN HOUSE: The building that puts the "church" in Church Street opens its doors for a tour of Burlington's oldest meeting house. Unitarian Church, Burlington, 12-3 p.m. Free. Info, 862-5630.

'MOUNT INDEPENDENCE ROCKS!': Geologist Helen Mango shows off the mountain's stone. Rocks of the ancient formation and newer Great formation. Wear sturdy shoes. Mount Independence State Historic Site, Orwell, 2 p.m. $5. Info, 948-2000.

NOMAD DOG AGILITY TRIAL: See SAT.16, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

QUEER CRAFT CIRCLE: Lesbian, gay, bi and transgender creators get their craft on in a supportive sphere. The Bobbin Sew Bar & Craft Lounge, Burlington, 2-4 p.m. Free. Info, 862-7417, rachel@thebobbin.com.

SEGWAY RIDES: Folks ages 12 and up take self-balancing, electric-powered transportation devices for a spin as part of ECHO's new "Body Language" exhibit. ECHO at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, Burlington, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. $7-9 includes admission. Info, 864-1848.

fairs & festivals

'BLUEGRASS AND BARBECUE': Chef John Woods prepares a Vermont Maple smoked chicken, backed by the Gold Country Bluegrass Band, at a benefit for the Family Center of Washington County. Montpelier Recreation Field, Montpelier, 1-5 p.m. $13 in advance, $15 day of event. Info, 262-3292, ext. 127, jenniferc@fcwcvt.org.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN MARITIME FESTIVAL: See FRI.15, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

ORLEANS COUNTY FAIR: See WED.13, 8 a.m.

food & drink

LORRAINE'S MEMORIAL POTLUCK PIE FESTIVAL: The Burlington Taiko Drummers and Wabira African drummers accompany dessert-centered activities, including pie judging and a pie Brawl. Croquet, volleyball and trail walks cut the calories. HarvestMoon Farm, Bloomingdale, 2 p.m. One pie. Info, 518-891-4802, harvestmoon@verizon.net.

STOWE FARMERS' MARKET: Purveyors of produce and other provender attract fans of local food. Red Barn Shops Field, Stowe, 10:30 a.m. Free. Info, 472-8027.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See WED.13, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m.

movies

Also, see movie theater showtimes in Section A.

'FAITH RINGGOLD: THE LAST STORY QUILT' This 28-minute documentary profiles the life and work of an African American artist who paints on textiles. Fleming Museum, UVM, Burlington, 2 p.m. $5. Info, 656-2090.

'ROMAN DE GARE' See FRI.15, 7 p.m.

'STILL WE RIDE' This cool, effortless documentary profiles a 2004 Critical Mass' cycling event in New York City that sparked mass arrests — for bicycle-riding. Savoy Theater, Montpelier, 4 p.m. Free. Info, 223-7604.

'WAR DANCE' Three Ugandan refugee children travel to their nation's capital to compete in a music-and-dance festival in this documentary. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7 p.m. $7. Info, 603-646-2422.

music

Also, see clubdates in Section B.

AURORA ANCIENT MUSIC: See SAT.16. Elle West Church, Calais, 4 p.m. $10-15. Info, 844-9212.

BURLINGTON CONCERT BAND: Community musicians of all ages perform marches and medleys for bandstand connoisseurs. Battery Park, Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 878-3477.

DEREK TRUCKS BAND: As part of the Lake Champlain Maritime Festival, syncopated experts for progressive roots-rock led by one of the "New Guitar Gods" featured on a recent Rolling Stone cover. Waterfront Park, Burlington, 7 p.m. $33 in advance, $38 day of show. Info, 482-3315.

MICHAEL FUCHS MEMORIAL CONCERT: Local music mainstays such as the Sandra Wright Band, Colin McCaffrey and Ellen Powell with Tom Cleary perform to honor the recording artist and composer who died in March. Barre Opera House, Barre, 2 p.m. $8-12. Info, 454-1067.

'PETER AND THE WOLF': The Shamonbury Orchestral Outfit performs an arrangement of Prokofiev's 1936 musical story of a boy hero willing to take risks. Pink Lars Art Center, Isle La Motte, 2 p.m. $4. Donations. Info, 928-3364.

'SONGS FOR A SUMMER AFTERNOON': A half-hour talk by Larry Hamberlin precedes the Rochester Chamber Music Society's concert featuring soprano Beth Thompson and Cynthia Huard on piano. Federated Church, Rochester, 3:30 p.m. Donations. Info, 767-9234.

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VERMONT JAZZ ENSEMBLE. The group performs big band favorites as well as instrumental Latin and rock for an audience of jazz cheers. Grand Isle Lake House, Grand Isle, 5 p.m. $20 before event, $25 at the door. Info, 136-3439.

WESTFORD SUMMER CONCERT SERIES The Mad Mountain Scramblers play bluegrass on the green — rain relocates the show into the adjacent Red Brick Meeting House. Westford Common, Westford, 1-8 p.m. Free. Info, 916-3140.

outdoors

BIKE FERRY See SAT 16, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

RUTLAND LONG TRAIL FESTIVAL See FRI 15.

sport

FIELD HOCKEY PICKUP Adult and high-school players try to be quick with their sticks. Sports & Fitness Edge, South Burlington, 6-7:30 p.m. $5. Info, 860-3343.

'GET YOUR REAR IN GEAR' Supporters of colon cancer awareness get the word out with a 5K race. Bayside Park, Colchester, 1:30 a.m. $12-25 before 8/14; $16-30 after. Info, 952-489-4521.

MORNING BIKE RIDE. Pedalers join women's two-wheeler group Bellabike for a co-ed trail day, ending with a well-earned bag lunch. Meet Point, Williston, 8:30-11 a.m. Free. Info, 238-8586, kendannles@gmail.com.

MUD VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT. Pre-registered, coed teams wallow, giggle and try to support the Epilepsy Foundation of Vermont. Spectators are welcome. Registration 8 a.m., games 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. A field at the corner of Lowers Road and Hogan Street, Essex. $225 per team; free to watch. Info, 775-1686.

SUNDAY BOCCE SOCIAL. Members of the Burlington Bocce Club show how to play a precision sport descended from ancient games of the Roman Empire, using the Queen City's newly constructed courts. 12-4 p.m. Oakledge Park, Burlington, 12 p.m. Free. Info, 864-0123.

MON.18 & WED.20

BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY

The rock opera *Rent* swept the 1996 Tony Awards and took home a Pulitzer, but it owes some of its plot to a century-old predecessor — Giacomo Puccini's *La Bohème*. In the 1896 original, a band of Parisian artists and philosophers make merry on borrowed time and funds, but *joie de vivre* gives way to tragedy when illness and poverty divide two lovers. The Opera Company of Middlebury re-inaugurates the town's newly renovated theater with a production starring soprano Suzanne Kantorski Merrill (pictured) as the tubercular seamstress Mimi and tenor Richard Troxell as Rodolfo, her enamored but penniless playwright. Thrill to heartbreaking music at two evening shows this week, or catch encores on August 22 and 24.

'LA BOHEME'

Monday and Wednesday, August 18 & 20, 8 p.m. at the Middlebury Town Hall Theater. $30. Info, 388-1436. www.ocmvermont.org

talks

'JOHN AND ETHAN' History buffs hear how Ethan Allen and John Hamilton helped lay the foundation for the new state of Vermont by building a blast furnace known as the "Arsenal of the Revolution" in 1782. Ethan Allen Homestead, Burlington, 2-3 p.m. Free. Info, 865-4556.

theater

'ARSENIC AND OLD LACE' See THU 14, 2 p.m.

'JUNE & JOHN' See THU 14, 3 p.m.

'LES MISERABLES' See WED 13, 1 p.m.

'MAN OF LA MANCHA' See WED 13, 8 p.m.

'PIPPIN' See SAT 16, 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.

'SHIRLEY VALENTINE' See THU 14, 2 p.m.

'THE COMEDY OF ERRORS' See THU 14, 4 p.m.

'THE SOURDOUGH PHILOSOPHY CIRCUS & PAGEANT' Vermont's homegrown theatrical troupe leavens political commentary with hands-on cookery. Circus Field and Pine Forest, Bread and Puppet Theater, Glover, 4 p.m. $5 suggested donation. Info, 525-3031, puppetsinc.ebmy@yahoo.com.

'THE TAMING OF THE SHREW' See SAT 16, 2 p.m.

words

BREAD LOAF READINGS Memoirist Patricia Hampl outlines "the dark art of description" in the morning, and afternoon readers include novelists Joanne C. Hillhouse, Alexander Parsons and Ginger Strand. Near sunset novelists [illegible] and Robert Cohen and poet Dorrie Dannigan share a podium. Little Theatre, Bread Loaf Writers Conference, Ripton, 9 a.m., 4:15 p.m., 8:15 p.m. Free. Info, 443-2100.

MON.18

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL. See WED 13, 5-5:30 p.m.

art

Also, see exhibitions in Section A.

COMMUNITY DARKROOM. See THU 14, 4 p.m.

etc.

'FACIAL AND MAKEOVER' Patrons sitting their makeup for a free lesson in optimal application, preceded by a facial. Lily of the Valley, Waitsfield, 6-8 p.m. Free. Info, 496-5455.

'MEMORY MONDAY' Adults 55 and over take advantage of a free memory screening. Call for appointment. Clinical Neuroscience Research Unit, Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington, 9 a.m. Info, 841-9488.

MONDAY SAILBOAT RACING The Stowe Yacht Club lets amateur vessels prove themselves seaworthy. Commodores Inn, Stowe, 4:45 p.m. Free. Info, 253-1131.

PIE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Homemade pastries à la mode, served with a hot or cold beverage, benefit the Champlain Valley Christian School. Vergennes City Park, Vergennes, 4-8 p.m. Donations. Info, 158-2415.

food & drink

CHOCOLATE-DIPPING DEMO See WED 13, 2 p.m.

'TOP CHEF OF THE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY' Foodies see local chefs compete in a gourmet cook-off, enjoy a free wine & beer tasting and bid on silent auction items. Davis Center, UVM, Burlington, 4-8:30 p.m. $35. Info, 345-1350, [illegible].

health & fitness

SENIOR CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC. Older adults schedule an appointment for a reduced-rate session offering gentle adjustments. Montpelier Senior Center, Montpelier, 1-3 p.m. $15. Info, 223-2518.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING See WED 13, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m.

FAMILY SING-ALONG Parents and kids belt out fun, familiar favorites. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 10-10:30 a.m. Free. Info, 865-7216.

YOUTH RECREATION NIGHT Movies, music, snacks and indoor and outdoor games offer kids in summer vacation something to do. The Church of the Crucified One, Morristown, 7-9 p.m. Free. Info, 434-5812.

movies

Also, see movie theater showtimes in Section A.

'ROMAN DE GARE' See FRI 15, 1 p.m.

music

Also, see clubdates in Section B.

ALICIA RAY LAUREL. The author and illustrator tells stories from the wild life interspersed with original songs. Valley Players Theater, Waitsfield, 7 p.m. & 1:45 p.m. $15. Info, 498-4482, alicia@aliciaraylaurel.com.

'LA BOHEME' The Opera Company of Middlebury stages Puccini's famous heartbreaker about life in the 19th-century artists' garrets of Paris. Middlebury Town Hall Theater, Middlebury, 8 p.m. $30. Info, 388-1436.

'PEACE THROUGH MUSIC: VERMONT WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE' Live musical performances and verbal historical narratives inform how local women have used notes to build bridges. Unitarian Church, Montpelier, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 229-0040.

VERGENNES CITY BAND A brass band welcomes musicians of all ages at an outdoor concert of gazebo faves. Vergennes City Park, Vergennes, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 811-2015.

sport

COED ROAD RIDE Male and female pedal pushers meet in downtown Burlington, then trace a one- to two-hour route at a moderate pace. Road bikes only; helmets required. Skirack, Burlington, 6 p.m. Free. Info, 658-3313.

talks

'MEMORY MATTERS: BRAIN & MEMORY FITNESS' Geriatric psychologist Cliff Singer of Fletcher Allen's Clinical Neuroscience Research Unit, informs on the latest research into medication and staying on the ball. Sheraton Hotel, South Burlington, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Info, 841-4488.

theater

PIANO STORIES. Classical music and literature meet in pairings of Chekhov and Tchaikovsky and Fitzgerald and Gershwin, among others. The Skinner Barn, Waitsfield, 8 p.m. $12-18. Info, 496-4422.

'PIPPIN' See SAT 16, 8 p.m.

words

APPLIED STORY SHARING Cecile Hamell encourages folks to use storytelling and active listening to help them work better together in their daily lives. Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, Williston, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Free. Info, 878-4918.

BREAD LOAF READINGS. Prof. Dean Young describes "the art of recklessness" in the morning, and afternoon readings by poet Linda Bierds and novelist Stacey D'Erasmo follow. Post-dinner, short fiction writer Antonya Nelson shares a podium with prof Edward Hirsch. Little Theatre, Bread Loaf Writers Conference, Ripton, 10:30 a.m., 4:15 p.m., 8:15 p.m. Free. Info, 443-2100.

TUE.19

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL. See WED 13, 5-5:30 p.m.

etc.

BIKE NIGHT Motorcyclists pull up and park on the sidewalk at a weekly city-approved rally with the unmentioned goal of attracting 1000 riders. Danny's New York Pizza, Winooski, 6 p.m. Free. Info, 655-1886.

CHARITY BINGO See WED 13, 1 p.m.

KNIT & NURSE Mamas bring their infants to chat and work on projects. The Bobbin Sew Bar & Craft Lounge, Burlington, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Donations. Info, 862-1411, rachel@thebobbin.com.

SPEED DATING Single professionals aged 41-59 meet for 12 six-minute dates to find out whether their chemistry is fizzy or flat. T-Bones Restaurant and Bar, Colchester, 6:30 p.m. $35. Info, 258-3001, [illegible]@predating.com.

'TIME TRAVEL TUESDAY' Visitors cook on a woodstove and churn butter, then relax as a farm family would have in the 1890s. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Billings Farm and Museum, Woodstock, 10 a.m. $3-11. Info, 457-2355.

food & drink

CHOCOLATE-DIPPING DEMO See WED 13, 2 p.m.

OLD NORTH END FARMERS' MARKET Local farmers sell the fruits of their fields, and their labor. 3-6:30 p.m. H.O. Wheeler Elementary School, Burlington, 3 p.m. Free. Info, 324-3073.

RAW FOOD WORKSHOP Gourmet [illegible] Peter [illegible] and raw-food chef Linda Wright make "bright-green goddess" dressing with pea shoots and other growing goodies. Hunger Mountain Co-op, Montpelier, 6-7:30 p.m. $18. Info, 223-8004, ext. 202, info@hungermountain.com.

health & fitness

ZUMBA FITNESS See THU 14, 1 p.m.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING See WED 13, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m.

ECHO STORYTIME Young explorers discover the wonders of the natural world through books and imaginative play. ECHO at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, Burlington, 11 a.m. $7-9.50. Info, 864-1848.

'STORYTIME WITH A TWIST' Stories, songs and crafts lead young minds to the wonders of nature. ECHO at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, Burlington, 11 a.m. $7-9.50. Info, 864-1848.

movies

Also, see movie theater showtimes in Section A.

Do you have an event that you would like to share?

submission guidelines

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TRAPPER KEEPERS

The phrase "mountain man" has become shorthand for DIY guys who prefer cabins, beards and Mother Nature to clean-shaven suburbs. But it's also a legitimate label for the trappers and explorers who roamed the Rocky Mountains in the early 19th century. Drawn west by the increasing demand for furs from beaver to buffalo, adventurous types in buckskin breeches and coonskin caps traversed North America's tallest peaks, pushing toward the Pacific on the heels of Lewis and Clark. Ed O'Leary, director of operations for Vermont's Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, shares true stories of fringe-jacketed figures in an evening talk. Lest these peak experiences sound like the stuff of tall tales, O'Leary passes around period artifacts that provide hands-on evidence of the men's harsh lifestyles.

'THE WAYS OF MOUNTAIN MEN'

Saturday, August 16, 7-8 p.m. at Little River State Park Nature Museum in Waterbury. $3. Info, 244-7103. www.vtstateparks.com/htm/littleriver.cfm

'FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF' Matthew Broderick stars in this 1986 film about a teen who's determined to play hooky from high school. Position your own blanket or chair in front of Ben & Jerry's to catch a free screening at dusk. Church Street Marketplace, Burlington, 8:50 p.m. Free. Info, 862-8620.

'ROMAN DE GARE' See FRI.15, 7 p.m.

music

Also, see clubdates in Section B.

CASTLETON CONCERT SERIES: Gypsy Reel careens through Celtic tunes with the aid of mandolin, fiddle, bass, viola, guitar and vocals. Castleton Village Green, Castleton, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 273-2911.

NORTHEAST KINGDOM SHAPE NOTE SING: Singers of early American music arrange themselves in a hollow square for four-part "fa-so-la-mi" hymns. Bread and Puppet Theater, Glover, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 525-4172.

'SONGSALIVE' WORKSHOP: Songwriters gather to share their work, gain feedback and network. Writers present one song each, followed by a guest speaker. VCK, Burlington, 5-8 p.m. $5 for nonmembers. Info, 524-7484, songsalive@hotmail.com.

'STILL BLACK, STILL PROUD': Saxophonist Pee Wee Ellis and trombonist Fred Wesley team up with other instrumentalists and vocalists for a funky, internationally flavored "African Tribute to James Brown." Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7 p.m. $29. Info, 603-646-2422.

sport

BASIC BIKE MAINTENANCE: Wrench wielders get a grip on bicycle upkeep and repairs at a beginner-level clinic. Skirack, Burlington, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 658-3313.

WOMEN'S ROAD RIDE: Female pedal pushers congregate for wheel camaraderie in two groups covering 20- and 50-mile routes. Meet in the parking lot. Onion River Sports, Montpelier, 6:15 p.m. Free. Info, 229-9409.

talks

'MONEY MATTERS': Folks learn to create a budget, set goals and change spending habits. Opportunities Credit Union, Burlington, 5-7:30 p.m. Free for members, $10 nonmembers. Info, 865-3404, ext. 127, jking@oppsvt.org.

'TO YOUR CREDIT' Folks learn to understand credit scoring, read a credit report and improve their scores. Call to register. Opportunities Credit Union, Burlington, 1 p.m. Free for members, $10 nonmembers. Info, 865-3404, ext. 127, jking@oppsvt.org.

theater

'JUST MOON' See THU.14, 8 p.m.

'LES MISERABLES' See WED.13, 7:30 p.m.

PIANO STORIES: See MON.18, 8 p.m.

words

BREAD LOAF READINGS: Novelist Robert Boswell ponders [illegible] in the morning, and novelist Andrew Altschul, poet Janice N. Harrington and memoirist Bich Minh Nguyen share an afternoon slot. Evening readers include memoirist Patricia Hampl and writer Randall Kenan. Little Theatre, Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, Ripton, 9 a.m., 4:15 p.m., 8:15 p.m. Free. Info, 443-2700.

WED.20

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: See WED.13, 5-5:30 p.m.

art

Also, see exhibitions in Section A.

WATERCOLOR DEMONSTRATION: See WED.13, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

dance

LATIN DANCE NIGHT: Timbers Restaurant hosts DJ Hector "El Salsero" and Cebeo, who perform salsa music for a tapas-munching crowd. Sugarbush Resort, Warren, 7 p.m. $5-10. Info, 583-6800.

'SALSALINA' PRACTICE: See WED.13, [illegible] p.m.

education

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP: See WED.13, 12-1 p.m.

etc.

CHARITY BINGO: See WED.13, 7 p.m.

CORN ROAST AND COMMUNITY DANCE: Friends enjoy an ear and shake a leg. Proceeds go to the conservation of Kingsbury Community Farm. Lareau Farm Inn, Waitsfield, 6-8 p.m. Donations. Info, 496-5567.

'LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF' The shy or socially inept learn to say "How do you do?" and shake hands. Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 878-7576.

fairs & festivals

CALEDONIA COUNTY FAIR: Currently in its 163rd year, the annual fest offers floral, maple, poultry and crafts shows along with country music, a demolition derby and magic. Mountain View Park, Lyndonville, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. $10-15. Info, 626-5917, mavi198@aol.com.

food & drink

'ASIAN CULINARY ODYSSEY': [illegible] and Mike Lang serve a five-course dinner that highlights the culinary experiences of Southeast Asia, featuring specialties from Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam. Weathertop Mountain Inn, Waitsfield, 6:30 p.m. $40. Info, 496-4909.

CHOCOLATE-DIPPING DEMO: See WED.13, 2 p.m.

MIDDLEBURY FARMERS' MARKET: See WED.13, 9 a.m.

SOUTH END FARMERS' MARKET: See WED.13, 3:30 p.m.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See WED.13, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 5 p.m.

CLOTH DIAPERING WORKSHOP: Parents curious about new methods of diapering get an intro to fitteds, all-in-ones, covers, prefolds and more. Sprout, Burlington, 12-12:50 p.m. Free. Info, 802-865-0040.

CRAFTSBURY CHAMBER PLAYERS FOR KIDS: See WED.13, 4:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL BOOK CLUB: Teens entering 9th to 12th grades choose tomes to read together and take home copies. Pre-registration required. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 7-8 p.m. Free. Info, 865-7228, clewis@ci.burlington.vt.us.

'MEET THE SCIENTIST: BLUE-GREEN ALGAE' Kids join Dr. Mary Watzin for a look at the wastewater plant and learn about her laboratory work. ECHO at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, Burlington, 2 p.m. $7-9.50. Info, 864-1848.

movies

Also, see movie theaters' showtimes in Section A.

DARTMOUTH DOUBLE FEATURE: The harsh struggles of the apartheid era are seen in *Cry, the Beloved Country*, followed by the screen adaptation of Athol Fugard's play *Boesman and Lena*. Loew Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7 p.m. & 8:50 p.m. $7. Info, 603-646-2422.

'ROMAN DE GARE' See FRI.15, 7 p.m.

music

Also, see clubdates in Section B.

BARRE CONCERT SERIES: The WDEV Radio Rangers round up listeners on an old-time country-western wavelength. Currier Park, Barre, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 476-0267.

CRAFTSBURY CHAMBER PLAYERS: Instrumentalists explore chamber music's roots with selections by Haydn, Dohnanyi and Bedrich Smetana. UVM Recital Hall, Burlington, 8 p.m. $20. Info, 800-639-3443.

'LA BOHÈME' See MON.18, 8 p.m.

ST. ANDREW'S PIPES AND DRUMS: See WED.13, 7:30 p.m.

outdoors

AQUADVENTURES!: See WED.13, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

talks

'PRINCES, ORPHANS, SCHOOLKIDS & APPRENTICES' Earth, stone and straw construction expert Tim Bath reviews four models for natural building. Yestermorrow Design/Build School, Warren, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 496-5545.

theater

'A DELICATE BALANCE' See WED.13, 8 p.m.

'FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE' A down-and-out bachelor is revived by the music of R&B legend Louis Jordan when five musicians jump out of his radio and put him back on track. Lake Placid Center for the Arts, Lake Placid, N.Y., 8 p.m. $12-18. Info, 518-523-2512, info@lakeplacidarts.org.

'INDOOR/OUTDOOR' In Kenny Finkle's romantic comedy about the feline set, a kitten follows the path of countless humans by leaving home to find herself. Waterbury Festival Playhouse, Waterbury Center, 7:30 p.m. $20. Info, 498-5755.

'JUNE MOON' See THU.14, 3 p.m.

'LES MISERABLES' See WED.13, 5 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

words

BREAD LOAF READINGS: Poet Carl Phillips considers restlessness in the morning, and an afternoon reading features poet Connie Voisine and short-fiction writer Helena María Viramontes. Dusk yields verse from poet Garrett Hongo and a piece from novelist Lynn Freed. Little Theatre, Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, Ripton, 9 a.m., 4:15 p.m., 8:15 p.m. Free. Info, 443-2700.

STRAFFORD TOWN HOUSE READING SERIES: Local poets Cleopatra Mathis, Gary Lenhart, and Jim Schley share a podium in a colonial-era landmark, preceded by a 6 p.m. picnic on the lawn. Strafford Town House, Strafford, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 765-4037. ⑦

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FRIENDS FIRST
Looking for friendship and maybe more. Going through a divorce and haven't dated in over 25 years, so not sure where to start. Just want to have fun and enjoy life. **wildcougar 43** #110831

ADVENTUROUS, KIND, FUNNY
Looking for a new partner for dating and long-term relationship. Someone who is kind and adventurous with a good sense of humor. I am a gentle, island teacher. I like the best of Vermont: scenery, arts, music, architecture, gardening, history, etc. I like to travel to other cultures. I love to cook, read, garden and decorate. **Swanlee, 61** #110820

COUNTRY GIRL WANTING COUNTRY BOY
I'm 35 years old, but I'm told I act older than my age. I love to be outside walking my dogs. I love animals. I have a cat. I love the fact that I live on a private dirt road. I am looking for somebody for friendship, and see where it progresses. **TrueVTGirl10 36,** ☐ #110803

OPEN TO NEW ADVENTURES
In addition to my career in relocation, I love good conversation ranging from politics and travel to movies and restaurant reviews. My family and friends are an important part of my life. I'm looking for fun, companionship and laughter with someone 55-65. **goodtimes 59** #110100

TALL DRINK OF WATER
Hi! I am a tall redhead with shapes, a good cook, athletic curves, a campfire guitar player. Looking to explore new places or swimming holes while the weather is warm. Cook new recipes or share your favorite band. Play or listen to music together. Seeking someone compassionate, funny, with a sensitive/intuitive side. **Imoo 44** #110714

ANYBODY WANT A PEANUT?
Looking for a partner in crime for spontaneous adventures, NPR listening, moonlight swimming and snowshoeing. **kikkat, 30** ☐ #110112

COUGAR SEEKING CUB OR CUBS
I'm looking for a younger man or men who are seeking an older (experienced) woman. **Cougar_Looking_For_Cub 41** #110763

LOOKING FOR A HIKING PARTNER
I'm single, 5'4", 123 lbs, 42 yes a younger and I recently moved to Jeffersonville. I love its quiet rural beauty and would love to find friends to go exploring with. Maybe you would like to join my dogs and me on a hike. Know of any great waterfalls? Let's chat and see where things go. **snowboyfungardener 42,** ☐ #110166

EARTHY YET HIGH TECH
I am part geek, part hippie chick and part redneck. I am tall (5'8"), have a quirky sense of humor, am a nature nut, and tend to be drawn to people who are able to see humor in every situation. **always_sometimes, 30** ☐ #110688

JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN!
Hi there! Just moved downtown and am really enjoying the vibrant energy, but I'm looking for someone to play with. If you're intelligent with a touch of sophistication, vibrant and sex appeal, let's indulge in dinners, drinks and dancing. We can create what we want. Shall we take a chance and fix the meet-up desire? **FellowSmartAlec 38,** ☐ #110644

ADVENTUROUS, HUMOROUS, LOYAL
Part street-wise, part hippie, part glam. Kind, gentle, steady, spontaneous. Seeking strong, mature, handsome, genuine, real man. Good, thoughtful communicator who cares about home, healthy eating and liberty. **Summernight66, 49** ☐ #110124

WACKY, LOVING ADVENTURESS WANNABE
I'm an extroverted romantic who loves to have fun and good conversation. Seeking for same. If we're a match you'll be intelligent, affectionate, honest and introspective. When we're together we'll laugh. A lot. I love life's little treats and that makes being a mother "that much sweeter." If you can cook and have warm feet, I'm glad. **takes, 44** #110640

PASSIONATE NATURE LOVER SEEKS CONNECTION
I am new to Vermont and chose this state because of its exceptional beauty and conscientious green attitudes. I'm active, like to hike, bike, canoe. Also enjoy music, stimulating conversation, fun. I'm a warm, open person with a ready sense of humor and a desire for meaningful connections with like-minded people. I'm an educated (M.A.) willowy blond with a lovely smile. **Naturelover48, 49** ☐ #110116

TOPHEARTED GAL SEEKS RENAISSANCE MAN
Are you able to appreciate the vista from a mountaintop, recognize the beauty in old fabrics, when sketching, swim under the stars, meet outrageously delicious meals, sit comfortably in silence, and consider a doctor of medicinal ferns special? GREAT me, too. You must enjoy one enjoyable life, be kind with a sunny, have love to give. **VTVenus 44** ☐ #110710

WOMEN seeking WOMEN

SEXY, LOVING, HONEST AND FUN
Looking for a woman who likes outdoors, has a great personality, is affectionate, loves herself and likes scary movies! Enjoys doing new things and having long, meaningful chats. A woman who is comfortable with herself and a little bit assertive; confidence is sexy. Not full of themselves. No head games or one-night stands. I am a 46-year-old Caucasian female single mom. **intrigueme, 46,** ☐ #110101

LOVING MUSICAL LADY
I'm looking for a girl from whom I can learn something and who I can teach. I'm on the younger side, but everyone I know tells me that I look and act much older than my age. I have a body like a nurse, I love music, dancing, nature, skinny-dipping, kissing, creating adventures, art. Meet me at Muddy Waters sometime? **twist_of_fate 18,** ☐ #110684

FUNNY, SPRITELY, FIERCE, INDEPENDENT, BALMY
Ask me about my funny, interesting years in Alaska, my rescues and goals in returning to wonderful Burlington, my love of weather and astronomy, my odd little hobbies, my passion and faith in humanity. Tell me about your differences, what makes you dance, leap and smile, what you love in life, and what you hope for when you do to heart connections. **OceanStarsNightSky 60** ☐ #110814

SWEET, FUNNY AND SLIGHTLY AWKWARD
I'm a laid-back, mellow individual who likes to laugh and make others laugh. I enjoy being active, and I do my best to balance my teaching and stress with relaxing and having fun. I'm looking for friends to hang out with and talk to, and possibly have it grow into more. **spilleyhaired 44** ☐ #110801

FUN-LOVING, LOCAL ADVENTURIST
I'm a laid-back person. I'll try anything once. I love to travel and take photographs. My personality is shy and sarcastic and I get a lot of laughs at my punch lines. I like deep conversations and laughing until I have tears in my eyes. I love big cities and still fell in love with the peacefulness of Vermont. **katbar, 44,** ☐ #110586

MUSIC NERD FIND ME
I am 24 and yes, I am a big woman. I love music, any kind and do. I love movies. Horror especially. I create dolls in my spare time. I really like the darker things in life, so that is reflected in my work. Do you walk on the wild side of life? I want to hear from you. **[illegible], 24,** ☐ #110460

ODD, AS IS TRANSWOMAN SEEKS PARTNER.
There's something to be said for an all-out romp in the sheets, and that's darn likely what I am good at. However, my Asperger's Syndrome makes social interactions difficult, so I may need some assistance with finer social graces. I need very obvious signals, and very clear/spoken communication. I have a very hard time reading facial expressions and body language. **HiddenAngel, 28** ☐ #110340

SWEET AND SEXY
I'm an emotionally independent, intelligent, honest woman. I believe that communication and chemistry are key ingredients to any successful relationship. I'm a physically fit mother of two. I'm looking for a woman who can make me laugh, show me a good time, and teach me something about life. Applicants for this position should be open, passionate, smart, active. **dani_girl1211 33** ☐ #110366

MEN seeking WOMEN

LIFE'S GREAT! SO AM I
New to the online thing. I'm 5'10", brown hair, athletic build, brown eyes. I work a lot, so it's hard for me to meet new people. I travel a lot for work and I like what I do. I'm looking for someone who is honest and wants to work toward a long-term relationship. So let's get started. **gotopdeep 48,** ☐ #110810

I'M WELL, GIRLS LET'S CHILL
Love to have fun and chill with friends. Love to meet new people. I love sports, soccer is my life. Play every day. Looking for a beautiful girl to have fun and chill with. If you are that, then, hello. Let's talk and get to know each other better. "YOU HEAR?" Peace. **well, 18** ☐ #110965

HONEST, HARDWORKING, LOYAL
Looking for long-term relationship. I like country music, sports and going out. I spend my time watching movies with my family. Love to laugh and looking for someone to share my sense of humor. **11dale 48** #110161

WAIT, WAIT...DON'T TELL ME!
If you get it, you get it and Saturday morning you know where I'll be. Farmers' markets are divine. Seeking the right beautiful and authentic chameleon to join forces with. We're a puzzling dichotomy of perceptions, a mixture of words and find. An native with educated traveled hometown wild something to gain by pushing the boundaries. I'll supply the peach. **Gibson, 44,** ☐ #110148

KIND, STEADFAST, DICHOTOMOUS, INTENSE, UNPREDICTABLE
I am looking for a woman who is both strong and always delicate. I would like a relationship with a woman I can share deep conversations with, both philosophically and politically. A good sense of humor is a must. All told, I simply want to find the right person to share life's moments with. **SUNSOSIDEUP 41** ☐ #110163

OPEN TO NEW EXPERIENCE
My life is full of adventure. I have great friends and I'm super active. I hike, bike, ski, camp and explore on my motorbike. I'm also well versed on what's going on in the world. I find that makes for more interesting conversation. It would be cool to share a life with someone. **WellTraveled 41** #110164

PASSIONATELY ADVENTUROUS, NICE GUY
I enjoy the outdoors, traveling and good food. I want to experience new things with a woman who wants the same. I'm looking for a woman who likes nightlife and has a good sense of humor and an adventurous mind. I'm the kind of guy who needs passion and love in my life. **vtpfluency 47** #110155

EASYGOING, LOVABLE GUY
Easygoing, fun, caring, down-to-earth. I love to have fun no matter where I am or what I'm doing. I am a goofball and will make people laugh at my own expense. **IcemanJTF 42,** ☐ #110144

LOVES COOKING, HOCKEY AND TRAVEL
I'm a hardworking chef who tries to spend as much time as possible with family and friends. I am looking for someone who is always in a good mood and is very attractive. I am a very honest person in a good way. **paulesplay 40** #110896

LIFE IS TO BE SHARED
So I'm bringing us to a point where we feel the need to reach out. Here, in a contemporary way. In many unknown souls. A cast into the sea, so to speak. Looking for an honest friend to share life with. Kayaker, snowboarder, great-hearted Leo. **lyricus 44** ☐ #110188

SINGLE DADDY LOOKING FOR MOMMY
I am an honest, modest, loving father of two trying to fill a void in my life. I could go on for miles but I will save that for later. I would really like to meet someone who is honest and caring and can act like an adult, at least Monday to Friday. **benny1914 29** ☐ #110167

ATHLETIC, INTELLECTUAL AND FRIENDLY
I am a man who likes both intellectual and physical pursuits. I am Caucasian and have a college degree. I teach high school math and physics, and I love history. I am 5' 11" and of average but muscularly lean and muscular build. **tabcom 61** ☐ #110123

BEACH, BOATS, FUN
Hi. I enjoy being on and in the lake, the mountains, a good conversation, hanging out, watching a good movie, HOT TUBS, my dogs, classic cars, the garden to name a few. And You. **GKP61, 44** ☐ #110123

[illegible] FIREFIGHTER SEEKS MISTRESS
I recently returned to my hometown after a long stay in Chicago and a long trip around the world. I'm interested in sharing time and conducting well-meaning mischief with a warm-hearted sensual goddess who knows how to, a fly, hot and kill people when the right opportunity arrives. **Tahr 30** ☐ #110120

FUNNY, FUN-LOVING AND CARING
When I fall asleep at night, I don't want to feel alone! I just want to share my warmth with someone. Enjoy going out or staying in? Either way, I am happy as long as I have someone I can hold hands with, kiss on the lips, and share anything that's on my mind. **Alfread, 41** ☐ #110163

LIKEY SHORT; KNOW IT?
SWM looking for a good-looking, creative woman to explore life with. Someone with whom I can be friends, have adventures, party and, when the mood strikes us, have wild sex. I believe in the beauty in everyone, regardless of age, body type, etc. So if you enjoy life and would like some company, give me a call. **TheWildOtter 25** ☐ #110101

FUN LOVING GUY
I just moved to Burlington and am trying to meet some people. I'm 5'9" average build. I have a 7-year-old son and my youngest is 3 and a half. I love women. For me, a girl who doesn't mind my independence and my children is worth giving a shot. We can only find out if we try. **Zootford 24,** ☐ #110068

SERIOUS, RELAXED, EASYGOING, GUY DON'T [illegible] WANT ME.
Have been called blunt. I prefer to say I tell it the way it is. Truth is worth fighting for as much as goals and dreams. Nothing coming to you, so go and get it. I work my job, have my fun and enjoy doing it. **Smooth 33** ☐ #110646

MEN seeking MEN

FUNNY, CONFIDENT, LAID-BACK, LOVE LIFE
Good-looking dude who loves life, music, cooking, outdoors, good conversation, movies, food and, most of all, sex. Has a body and humor, nice chest and strong legs, nice smile, [illegible] I am looking for a single, young guy to have fun with. You need to be healthy, willing to let me have my way with you, openminded and a somewhat good shape. **[illegible] 38** #110083

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL FRIEND
FTM here looking for a BF. I am a shy person but warm up very quickly; you just have to talk. I do have a pic, and will send if you send first. I am really looking for someone around my age, no guys over 24. Someone who shares my interests and is not just looking for sex. **transboy 22,** ☐ #110101

POSITIVE INCARNATE SEEKING SIMILAR
Hello. I am hoping to connect with an openminded, honest, humorous guy. I am single, 55, considered attractive. I try to be fearlessly honest and compassionately open, and sometimes succeed. I have a thing about [illegible]. I do a lot of smiling, and it seems appropriate to share that now. I have one cat, one tattoo, [illegible] and brave heart. **dharmabum55 55** ☐ #110582

SMART BLK GUY
I am a professional African American male, 44 years old with a little smile and killer hair. I am looking for a man of color (Black, Asian, Native American or Hispanic) who is college-trained and 40-46 years old. Please note that I am not looking for hook-ups, but something that can be long-lasting. Social justice is key. **Alpha1906 44,** ☐ #110284

PATH FRIENDS WOULD NEVER CONSIDER
Seeking interesting, sensitive, engaging, married middle-years guy for unscripted summer adventures to beyond your present life comfort. A summer of you [illegible] things that you will most likely never share with her, although you really wish she'd at least appreciate the why if not the how. By necessity, I'll be selective. Share your thoughts. **Harryfidder 48** ☐ #110314

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WOMEN seeking

CUTE, SEXY, TAN, HORNY ORGANIC
I want a guy who will [illegible] all my fantasies. ROCK MY WORLD. I want you to please [illegible] I'll return the favor once you do everything [illegible] [illegible] who will have some [illegible] fun with me. Make me orgasm. I love it when you go down on me. I'm horny for you. lick_me_bitch 48, ☐, 8460789

OH BABY
I'm looking for a kinky woman, 18-25, who can teach me a few things. [illegible] for anything. [illegible] 20 ☐ 8460780

KINKYADVENTURER
Looking for some good times. In and out. RealityEscapist, 28 ☐ 8460788

SENSUAL, PLAYFUL, BI FEMALE
Seeking the same for occasional get-togethers. I miss the touch and scent of a woman. Life is busy, not looking for a commitment. Just a like-minded woman who is [illegible] bi curious for occasional erotic encounters. Playa Mia, 44, ☐ 7460778

OPEN TO OPTIONS
I'm looking for that perfect power exchange, the dynamic that feels just right. I'm looking for someone whose dominance or submission is genuine and willing to grow. I'm looking for someone looking to explore, ready to play, excited to push boundaries and commit social taboos. [illegible] 72, 7460077

CURIOUS TO THE TEAM, WANNA TRY?
Young and sassy, this 18-year-old girl is not satisfied in bed. Wanting to try with two guys [illegible] just one-on-one. Can get kinky [illegible] Really into [illegible] and [illegible]. [illegible] No older than [illegible] though. Aiming to please and be your slave. Wanting someone to call master. Hit me up. [illegible], 18 ☐ 8460650

LOOKING FOR 2ND OR 3RD
I'm in a casual relationship with a guy looking for a female to join in on our anonymous play but I am also interested in a girl to have to myself. I'm tall and slim with dark hair and blue eyes. I'm happy to send photos of [illegible] if interested. [illegible] 24 ☐ 8460592

DIVORCEE SEEKING TWO HORNY MEN
I'm seeking for two men who can make me feel completely satisfied as never before. Have always fantasized about being tied down, blindfolded, handcuffed to the bed, and a good [illegible] spreader. Doctor Nurse play, age play, etc. [illegible] [illegible], 77 8460550

FUNNY, CURIOUS AND SOMEWHAT SHY
I would like to engage in my previous woman-woman experience. Don't know exactly what that entails but I am ready and excited to explore. letshavefunsoon 77 7460490

I WANT TO BE ME
I just want to be me. I haven't been able to do that in years. I want to meet someone who likes the same things I do. Cuddling, watching a movie, the outdoors, lying in the grass and watching the stars. Maybe even watching the sun [illegible]. I am outgoing, and very outspoken [illegible]. [illegible], 20, ☐ 8460442

NICE BUT NAUGHTY
Hi there. I've lived in Burlington all my life, but have never found that guy who I want to spend the rest of my life with. I love being outdoors. I'm going to college to become a veterinary assistant. I'm 5'2", 150 lbs, white, red hair. [illegible] 18, 8460444

BEAUTIFUL BUT LONELY
I am tired of relationships where I have not gotten what I've needed sexually. I like to be controlled in the bedroom and be in control outside the bedroom. I am pretty but shy. If it leads to more, I would [illegible]. Men ages 25-40 please. goodgirl7 [illegible] 24 ☐ 8460285

PRETTY GIRL LOOKING FOR SAME
I am tall and slender, attractive and FUN. I am looking for the right girl to [illegible] ongoing friendship with great benefits. Let's meet for a drink (s) and see what happens. Please be proactive and call me first as I am not a "paid" member. YUM. girlyat? 44, 28 ☐ 8460232

LIVING, LEARNING, LOVING, LAUGHING
I'm seeking a single unattached person to play [illegible] a serious relationship. I don't fit into traditional dating categories but I'm a disabled woman attracted to any gender. I just want someone for sexting [illegible] and see where it goes. I love tortoises, teaching, novels, [illegible] things, writing novels/poetry. Tell me your passions. [illegible] 38 ☐ 8460272

SHY HOUSEWIFE SEEKS FEMALE PLAYMATE
I'm a shy woman bored with my marriage. I was with a woman once before and really enjoyed the experience. Seeking someone to [illegible] my [illegible] [illegible]. Have some fun. To be blatantly honest, looks matter. I am not a "10" by any means, but not a total dog either. I expect the same. [illegible] wants to [illegible] me. [illegible] 77 8460077

VIVACIOUS, WORLDLY REDHEAD WANTS PLAY
I am new to Burlington from NYC. I recently began playing with domination and flogging. Looking to find playmates and possibly a more committed, sexual relationship with the right one. A switch, leaning towards bottom. Into both men and women. Outside of the bedroom I am into photography, knitting, hiking, outdoors, self-discovery, cooking, baking, dancing, music. LookingToPlay 28 ☐ 8460022

LOOKING
I am looking for someone to hang out with and have a few drinks or go to [illegible] and see what happens. I have [illegible] that I will share in bed [illegible], you want be [illegible] so contact me. [illegible] 20, ☐ 8460478

MEN seeking

LOOKING TO FILL THAT NEED
28-year-old male looking for a lady or young woman to hang out with here and there who can keep up in the bedroom. No strings, just looking to fill that void I have. I'm an addict. [illegible] 28, ☐, 8460820

FIT, FRIENDLY AND LONELY
I'm an active, outdoor type who's new to the area. Looking for someone to get together with every now and then. Something like drinks, laughs, dinner and a little romance. I like women who are smart, curious and like to laugh. [illegible], 28 8460862

KINK MASTER SEEKS YOUNG, SUBMISSIVE GIRL
[illegible] man seeking young, submissive girl. You must be willing to please my wife when told. Safe and loving play only. I will treat you with love and compassion, at the same time giving stern discipline while respecting your boundaries. I have a hot tub and great house to host in. Please respond with your age, name and picture. KinkMaster 28 ☐ 7450780

401 FEMALE BELLY DANCER
For 101 romantic nights, SWPM 52 seeks [illegible] [illegible] female belly dancer to perform magical mutual fantasies. What secret delights await the Sultan's favorite? Who knows the right words to open the mysterious door to [illegible]. KnightTemplar 77, 8512978

NEED LOTS OF FUN SEX
Hey, I'm a 45-year-old white male, stocky, 5'11", clean shaven, 7" love oral giving and receiving. I'm looking for a woman or couple to have fun with. [illegible]-FREE PLEASE. [illegible] 45 8460729

HI, AFTERNOON DELIGHTS
[illegible] male looking for a woman interested in playing. What's your fantasy? Let's talk. ControlVTdude 72, 8450753

LOVE TO PLEASE
I am married and looking to leave. I play sports so I am in shape. I love to make a woman happy physically & emotionally. I am looking for a woman in need of [illegible] healing. Will travel. Needs to be discreet. Willing to fulfill your fantasies. FORFUN 70 8460704

KINKY VT FUN
Good guy, good job, work hard/play harder. Seeking [illegible] to tame me and make me hers. I am loyal and very openminded. Love the great outdoors. [illegible] 44 8460077

SEX-DEPRIVED SEEKING MATURE TEACHER
Twenty-four-year-old, attractive, fit, [illegible] seeks a rich beautiful woman who needs a [illegible]. [illegible] 77 8460944

I WANNA LOVE YOUR KITTY
People say I'm a cat lover. I love kitties of all shapes, sizes and colors. And I'm really good with them, too. I really know how to [illegible] my pussycats. KittyLover 77 ☐ 8460547

PEOPLE LIKE ME?
Hi! I'm new to this so I'd like to start off slow. I am a professional committed to someone in a long-term open relationship. Discretion is a must out of respect. I can send you a pic only if you send one first. You will meet in [illegible]. What happens underneath the bed sheets stays there. Loveday 72, 8560844

HUNGRY FOR A NEW WOMAN
Love sex but been a little deprived lately. Love going down on a woman and taking care of her for a long time. [illegible], 77 8460874

THE SEX DOCTOR
I'm 21, [illegible] blond hair, blue eyes. Hot, built body. I'm looking to fun with a woman. I like to pleasure [illegible] [illegible] pleasure. I like controlling the mood. Try the new ways, with play in new places. I like outside fun. The [illegible] the better [illegible] the more fun. FIREMAN 73 8460560

DARING, SENSUAL, ENERGETIC
I'm looking for a playmate or playmates for [illegible] summer fun. Spontaneous interactions or planned weekly meetings. I want to be played with and I want to leave as many orgasms as I can out of you. Interested in mutual masturbation, massage, toys, more. [illegible] 26 ☐ 8460878

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HOWDY
38, single, professional, athletic, attractive and sane. Looking for single females and/or couples to grab a few drinks and see what happens. Care to chat? [illegible], 78 ☐ 7460578

LOOKING FOR FUN, MAYBE MORE
Single, looking to play and see what happens. Have feet and high-heel fetish. Painted toes are so sexy. Looking for someone to have fun with. Love to be outside. Have tattoos and two earrings in left ear. You wanna know more? Feel free to ask. [illegible] 25 7460577

'S UP, LADIES?
I am interested in getting to know you better. The SPACES between your FINGERS were created so that another person's fingers would fill them in. I hope to find the hand that we are meant to hold on to forever. Please do feel free to send me a reply if you are interested in me. [illegible] 22 8410507

CD LOOKING FOR A LADY
Closet dresser looking for a lady. I love to dress up and am told I have great legs. I enjoy role playing and light bondage, nothing too heavy or painful. Openminded. LookingfoLady 43 ☐ 8460420

$500 FOR A SHORT TIME
I'm an electrician working on the [illegible] farms. I'm 6'5" with no fat. I'm told that I'm a handsome country boy from [illegible] Maine. I need to be satisfied. I like a woman who will lie there and enjoy my settled ways and feel the excitement growing. After that, who knows. Looking for a one-time thing, maybe two times. [illegible], 78 8460788

LOST SOUTHERNER
Don't know much about a whole lot of stuff. Looking for someone to teach me some things, and maybe I can teach you some things. [illegible] into [illegible] in any way. [illegible], 77 ☐ 8460485

NSA RELATIONSHIP
I am looking for a NSA relationship, wanting [illegible] [illegible] partner. [illegible] 38 8460477

SEEKING PINCH-HITTER
Active in 40s MWM, 5'10", 160 lbs. Blond, 6'2" [illegible] [illegible] LTR that's heavy on [illegible] but light on passion. Just seeking periodic NSA, playful and discreet encounters to [illegible] the [illegible] of a [illegible] routine. Complete confidentiality, discretion a must. Seeking confident, similarly-situated, like-minded active, adventurous, fit female, 26-50. Can't host but willing to travel. [illegible] 44, 8330507

PLEASE HELP
It has been a fantasy of mine for a while now to have a woman take me from behind with a strap on. I find that giving up control is a huge turn-on for me, and this would be the ultimate. I am clean and disease-free, and want you to be the same. Please help me fulfill this fantasy. [illegible], 78 8410022

TIME TO PLAY
A [illegible] man, 5'10", about 177 lbs, athletic, dark hair, brown eyes, average guy. Looking to explore new things and to be introduced to new things as well. Will be very respectful of whatever that may be. [illegible], 45 ☐ 8130446

OTHERS seeking

SENSUALICIOUSLY SEDUCTIVE DUO SEEKS SAME
We love to have sexy, flirt and enjoy company who understand the value of laughter. We are fun to be around and we respect everyone's limits. We're not pushy or aggressive, and we don't care for those who are. Life is too short. Let's have sensual fun together and enjoy the sexual tension that comes with this type of activity. [illegible] 44 ☐ 8460760

LOOKING FOR AN ATTRACTIVE 3RD
MWC 35/24 professionals [illegible] new to this, looking to take things slow. She is [illegible] and curvy. He is nice-looking, [illegible]. Her [illegible] with blue eyes. He has brown eyes and [illegible]. We are in love, just looking to add some fun occasionally with a woman between the ages of 20 and 35. [illegible] 77 8461200

[illegible]
Hi. We are a married couple looking for a female for extra fun. We are new at this and would like to go out, maybe for drinks. We are up for anything. We are disease-free, no drugs and please, no strings. [illegible], 78 8461034

WANTING MORE
Married, professional couple in our 40s. We'd like to exchange [illegible] emails with other couple(s). We are well educated and enjoy traveling. [illegible] age, sex, [illegible]. We are new to this so let's start slow and and enjoy. [illegible], 43 ☐ 7410627

HOW CREATIVE ARE YOU?
We are a professional couple (38 & 47) looking to find the right person(s) to explore and play with. We enjoy the [illegible] of female domination in our private lives. We are looking for people who are fun and attractive and like [illegible] the outdoors. How much fun can you have when he is COMPLETELY under your control? [illegible], 78 ☐ 8405824

EXCITING, FUN COUPLE
Hardworking couple and homebodies. Like to entertain, inground pool, hot tub, camping. Enjoy friends with benefits. Very easygoing and laid-back. Couples or third party welcome. Him straight. Her very bi-curious. Open to all replies. Do not have account as of yet, trying site since we are new to this. [illegible] 71, ☐ 8460844

TWO GUYS LOOKING FOR FUN
We're two straight friends looking for adventurous women who want to do with more than one guy at once. Single women, married couples are both hot. We can be as vanilla or kinky as you're into with few exceptions. We want to help fulfill your fantasies. All types welcome. [illegible] 29 ☐ 8460941

SERIOUS WIFE LOOKING FOR LUST
I'm a well-educated wife with a [illegible] sexual [illegible]. I love hung, handsome, smart guys and couples who aren't shy and don't need a lot of hand holding. Very, very discreet. Husband can join [illegible] [illegible], 46 ☐ 8460730

MARATHON MAN AND LATIN LOVE
Couple seeking pretty playmate. M: [illegible] 177 lbs, strong, athletic. W: 5'2", beautiful, curvy, Latina. Perhaps just a [illegible] encounter to feed our fantasies. You, too, energetic, beautiful. Play [illegible] to our home. [illegible], 28 ☐ 8130870

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YOUR GUIDE TO LOVE + LUST

Hey Mistress Maeve,

Twenty three-year-old female here with a question about oral sex. I don't wish to be crude, but I don't particularly like to swallow. However, I also don't like to let it fly all over my bedspread. What's a girl to do with a mouthful of spunk? I've tried dashing off to the sink, but I'm worried that ruins the moment. Should I keep tissues by the bed?

What's the proper etiquette here? Maybe it's just easier to stomach it (literally)?

Signed,
Spunky Gal

Dear Spunky,

Spit or swallow — the classic oral sex conundrum.

You're right. In some instances — like getting it on in a car or in a public place — swallowing is simply the most convenient option. However, if you don't like to ingest his juice, it's perfectly fine to excuse yourself and spill his seed into the sink. A towel nearby is a good option, too — nearly every guy who masturbates is familiar with the "beat rag."

And let's not forget — we have more options than just spit or swallow. If you don't like the taste, consider letting him finish on your chest, face or other body part that turns you on — you can avoid bedspread stains with some skillful aiming and hand shielding. (Just a warning — close your eyes. A shot to the eye stings and can leave you looking like you have pink-eye.)

When it comes to giving him head, forget the etiquette. The only "proper" move here is to do what makes you feel most comfortable. Trust me, if you're giving him oral pleasure, he ultimately won't care where his spunk ends up.

Good to the last drop,

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PERSONALS i SPY...

DANCING BAMBINA
I spy a lovely bambina dancing near Red Square. I was lucky to see you indeed. **When: Monday, August 4, 2008. Where: Burlington, in the alley. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904390**

BURLINGTON FARMERS' MARKET
To the beautiful brunette: Thanks for the long look and a perfect smile. You made my day. **When: Saturday, August 9, 2008. Where: Farmers' Market, 9:30. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904310**

I SPY SEXY GIRLS
Skating in the rain and walking the [illegible] at the SEVEN DAYSIES corner. Must love the y'all, hell on feet Wheels Heelies. **When: Friday, August 8, 2008. Where: Waterfront Park, Burlington. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904315**

JERSEY BOY AT STARR FARM
You, NJ boy with [illegible] mix. Me: hands full with three dogs. Seemed like there was more to say, but my [illegible] ran out on me, am I wrong? Would love to meet for coffee to find out. **When: Saturday, August 9, 2008. Where: Starr Farm Dog Park, Burlington. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904314**

STARRY FARM, RAINY NIGHT
We met on the [illegible]. Jess and Boone hit it off, maybe we will, too. **When: Friday, August 8, 2008. Where: Dog Park. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904313**

BOO BOO IN THE VALLEY
When you walked out the door I never thought it would be for the last time. A million reasons why not can't beat the one reason why. 143. **When: Sunday, August 3, 2008. Where: bk. B. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904382**

AND YOUR HAIR LOOKS FABULOUS
I spy you walking the city streets, exploring the parks and wandering in the meadow. What you have given me is more than I could have asked and all that it needs to be. The only way to explain it [illegible] is that [illegible]. Thank you for your support and unconditional friendship. **When: Thursday, August 7, 2008. Where: around. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904388**

BE THE UP REACHER
I see you, and I get a kind to share whenever I'm with [illegible]. **When: Thursday, July 31, 2008. Where: The Other Place. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904386**

PYT (PRETTY YOUNG THING)
Words cannot express how much I will miss my lovely Lindsey. You have taught me so much in such a short time. I will miss you very much while you are off in a new city teaching others how to PYT. I love you very much and wish you my best. Your biggest fan. **When: Friday, August 8, 2008. Where: [illegible] the Cook. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904309**

I SPY A GODDESS AT P.G. ADAMS
Your name is Teya. You are the most amazing woman I've ever seen. You have the wildest eyes and prettiest smile I've seen. Let me take you away to an exotic island and worship the ground beneath you. **When: Thursday, July 31, 2008. Where: South Burlington at P.G. Adams. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904308**

WOMAN AT TIFT MERRITT CONCERT
You were standing in back during most of the Tift Merritt concert at Contois Auditorium. You had blond hair and were pretty. I was also standing in back, as I waited for a friend. We exchanged a few glances. I looked for you at the end, but to no avail. **When: Thursday, July 24, 2008. Where: Tift Merritt Concert, Contois Auditorium. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904305**

WOMAN AT VOLUNTEERS GREEN, RICHMOND
You were passing an afternoon at Volunteers Green in Richmond, possibly meeting up with a friend. You had blond hair pulled back and white pants, and wore glasses. Our eyes met a couple of times, and I said hello in passing while you were leaving. Then you drove away in an orange car. A week later I still remember you vividly. **When: Sunday, July 20, 2008. Where: Volunteers Green, Richmond. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904404**

UVM TRACK STAR LEE
You were at Olive Garden Tuesday night at 6:30 with three of your friends: a guy and two girls, one wearing purple pants. We talked about what it was like running at the armory. You and your friends seemed cool. I wanted to see what you thought of me and if you wanted to be one of them. **When: Tuesday, August 5, 2008. Where: Olive Garden. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904303**

BEAUTIFUL BAR MAIDEN AT STONECUTTERS
Eliza, even though the beer was tasty, it was your killer smile that almost made this military patron on a Friday afternoon stay for one too many. See you somewhere outside the pub. **When: Friday, August 8, 2008. Where: Stonecutters Brewhouse, Barre. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904302**

I SPY AWESOME KINDNESS WARRIORS
To the three women from Green Mountain Animal Defenders, braving the rain on Church Street Marketplace at 12:30 today. You totally rock [illegible] a great cause. I salute you. **When: Thursday, August 7, 2008. Where: The Marketplace. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904369**

M. FROM MONTPELIER
That's it! I really know we kinda lost touch (my fault). You worked at 85 Ra's (where I met you) for a bit before returning to work in a restaurant/bar in Montpelier. It would be great to hear from you and catch up. **When: Wednesday, June 1, 2005. Where: 85 Ra's. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904336**

RE: KEY FOR STYLE
My fish is blue without you. Are you the fish of my dreams? Maybe we can catch key fobs sometime? Play a little tennis? [illegible] going gang? There are some games I really, really like to play. 'Til next week. **When: Thursday, July 31, 2008. Where: the playground. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904299**

DOPEFUL
You, at the stairs of the boat. Me: coming down the stairs with Hugs written across my shirt, waving and smiling. Sorry I missed you and for the delayed response. Coffee would be a safe [illegible] contact me. **When: Friday, July 11, 2008. Where: Pride Cruise. You: Man. Me: Man. #904239**

HAZEL
how much more is it going to take? How strong do the signs have to be? How many dreams do we have to dream? How much longer will the pain and longing last? [illegible] everything [illegible] the second one doesn't seem to work for either of us. **When: Sunday, July 31, 2008. Where: everywhere, every day. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904297**

[illegible]
hoping all is well with you. It's been a while since we've caught up on. I thought I'd I Spy you. I'm so doing homework with you. Give me a call. **When: Monday, June 9, 2008. Where: Montpelier. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904294**

TWO BROTHERS GODDESS
Your sitting at the end of the bar with an older woman, beautiful, blue eyes, great laugh, burgundy shirt. I've seen you a few times but I'm scared to talk to you. I think you might be dating the bartender who wears suspenders. If not, would you like to meet for a drink sometime? Me: blue shirt, watching the ball game. **When: Monday, August 4, 2008. Where: Two Brothers, Middlebury. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904213**

LOOKING FOR [illegible] GUY
I think I saw you recently. Could it have been at [illegible] in South Burlington? Wanna hang out sometime, go hiking or biking? **When: Tuesday, August 5, 2008. Where: at work (?). You: Man. Me: Woman. #904282**

SATURDAY NIGHT BINGO HOTTIE
This awesome guy sat next to me at back yard bingo in Richmond. We joked all night, but I must say my jokes were more like flirts. I'm interested in you and saw you give me a look and [illegible] yummy. **When: Tuesday, August 5, 2008. Where: back yard bingo. You: Man. Me: Man. #904291**

BURNS AS YOU GET OLDER
[illegible] skater dude huffing and puffing at the [illegible] skate park. [illegible] I couldn't [illegible] he had to be huffing and puffing like I was. [illegible] You'll get that [illegible]. **When: Monday, July 28, 2008. Where: Kevin Mancy Memorial Skate Park, East Barre. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904281**

SHELBURNE BEACH
Rolled with you in the lake (and when I got out) at Shelburne Beach. You were with an elderly lady. You sort of look like Jennifer Guthrie (Rumour on General Hospital, Samantha "the sponge"). Maybe you ARE Jennifer Guthrie. Let me know. **When: Friday, August 1, 2008. Where: Shelburne Beach. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904288**

LIKE TO SEE YOU?
I've been watching you and me in love with you. We are very different but complementary. Every time I see you I feel like I'm being reunited with an old, old friend... maybe even a part of myself I lost somewhere. **When: Monday, August 4, 2008. Where: around Montpelier, at Monet. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #904285**

YOU ROCK MY WORLD
Top of the most beautiful sunsets, dinner and then dancing... what a lovely night out. Oh baby, how I enjoy dancing with you [illegible]. You make "everything" about me dance. I wait by the phone hoping you will call me so we can do it all over and over and over again [illegible]. **When: Sunday, August 3, 2008. Where: Washington County. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #904280**

WOMAN WITH LONG BLACK HAIR
You were in Price Chopper in St. Albans around the end of June or July I think. We looked at each other long enough to know we saw each other. I used to live across from you. **When: Tuesday, July 8, 2008. Where: Price Chopper. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904286**

PLAYING MUSIC IN THE SUN
Saw you playing your guitar down at the waterfront Friday. You had [illegible] shaggy hair. I don't think you saw me. I was just another hippie chick passing by. Wanted you to know that I was drawn to you. Weird. Anyway [illegible]. Oh well. **When: Friday, August 1, 2008. Where: Burlington waterfront. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904283**

PRICE CHOPPER ICE-CREAM HELPER
You were wearing a purple shirt and couldn't decide which flavor of Ben & Jerry's would best suit your evening, but you were able to help me track down the flavor that I sought for a friend's birthday party. You're sweet, funny and cute, and I appreciated the help. Coffee sometime, perhaps? **When: Saturday, August 2, 2008. Where: Price Chopper. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904287**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Happy Birthday to my clan: Ali, Wolf and Jared, you're all growing up too fast. I love you all! May your days be full of love and laughter. Mom. **When: Monday, August 4, 2008. Where: at home. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904285**

HAPPY BELATED ANNIV, SPONGEBOB!
I know that deep down you'd rather be [illegible] to Jimmy Neutron, but who can beat the loveable [illegible] factor of [illegible]? I'm very sad that I messed up my relationship with you. I spoke from the heart and I guess I shouldn't have. I hope you don't hold it against me forever. **When: Thursday, July 31, 2008. Where: In my heart. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #904280**

DYLAN, DYLAN, DYLAN, DYLAN
[illegible] you come out sometime, call. **When: Friday, August 1, 2008. Where: Burlington. You: Man. Me: Man. #904288**

ROCKSTAR
The way you make me feel... You knock me off of my feet. My tongue doesn't behold my lips for you. **When: Wednesday, July 23, 2008. Where: Starbucks. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904290**

MUSIC STORE DYLAN FAN
Me, buying two Dylan albums. You, told me they're your two favorites. I thought you were cute in that yellow shirt. I felt like going on about [illegible] but there was a line behind me. You must have good taste in music. Care to chat about it? **When: Saturday, August 2, 2008. Where: Pure Pop. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904277**

[illegible], WINOOSKI
I saw you and whistled thinking you were someone else but was so glad you came back to talk to me. Would have loved to get to know you more. I'm Rick. I also live in Winooski. Maybe we can get [illegible] together sometime because you are so, so [illegible]. **When: Saturday, August 2, 2008. Where: Winooski. You: Man. Me: Man. #904276**

HIGHER GROUND FIRST FRIDAY, AUG. 1
Sambuca on the rocks. It was very nice seeing you out and chatting with you. I sort of lost my voice this morning, I guess from yelling over the music. We should have exchanged numbers. **When: Friday, August 1, 2008. Where: Higher Ground, First Friday. You: Man. Me: Man. #904293**

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MAPLE TREE PLACE HAIRSTYLIST

Your curly black hair and tattoos caught my eye through the window of your shop. Think you might have caught me staring. Single? Can I take you to lunch?

When: Thursday, July 31, 2008
Where: Williston
I am a: Woman
I am a: Man

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GR WAITRESS
You look like someone who's into milkshakes and regrets. Maybe we share some other common interests. Midnight pirate profile, perhaps? **When: Friday, August 1, 2008. Where: Burlington. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904288**

LOOKING FOR MON AMIE
Sammy, I hope you see this. I miss our partenaire. How much time has passed? My heart hurts. Let's meet for lunch or dinner or a long walk on a nice finish. Time passes too quickly. I miss those big brown eyes. Call or email me. Robert **When: Thursday, December 13, 2007. Where: ocs. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904[illegible]**

MAPLE TREE PLACE HAIRSTYLIST
Your curly black hair and tattoos caught my eye through the window of your shop. Think you might have caught me staring. Single? Can I take you to lunch? **When: Thursday, July 31, 2008. Where: Williston. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904[illegible]**

AT BEACH-ARIUMS
I was meeting up to poker friend, you thought I was stealing your date. You gave me the many times and introduced yourself as Will. Serious talent in the eyebrow department. Any other hidden skills? I'm fine and I happened before I could ask. Share a drink? **When: Thursday, July 31, 2008. Where: the Other Place. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904[illegible]**

AMAZING GIRL AT YANKEE LANES
I spy the most amazing girl at Yankee Lanes Thursday night. You, Emma, I believe. I liked. I would give you the world and treat you like a queen. Please let me be your knight in shining armor. **When: Thursday, July 31, 2008. Where: Yankee Lanes. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904270**

HAVE A GOOD DAY!
On the beautiful Ironside with the great smile felt when I was at the door a little I was on my way out. Wish I had the time to stay and chat. Are you up for another cup of coffee? **When: Friday, August 1, 2008. Where: Starbucks, Shelburne Rd. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904[illegible]**

SEEMS A PIECE OF MYSELF
I spy from the [illegible]. Sometimes I wonder, do you know. Sometimes I wonder, will you go. Sometimes I wonder if you're ever lonely. **When: Friday, August 1, 2008. Where: in my dreams. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904268**

FARM AT THE CORNER
For my favorite blond Winooski organic veggie farmer. I'm going to miss you so much this coming year. You rock my socks. **When: Thursday, July 31, 2008. Where: Winooski Farmers' Market. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #904266**

MY BOY WITH THE 'FRO
I'm going to miss you so much next year baby. I love you more than words can say. You're amazing and you have been so good for me. Remember, we only fight because we have something worth fighting for. I love you. **When: Friday, December 14, 2007. Where: everywhere. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904260**

ZYDECO WITH SHOES
Jazz Fest, danced the barefoot, you in wild sneakers. Lots of smiles, had a great time. Want to smile some more. **When: Thursday, June 5, 2008. Where: waterfront jam tent. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904288**

WHO ARE YOU?
So apparently we're psychic and it is the coolest thing ever. You're looking at your house today and I'm so excited for you! Let's make a monster sinbathon to get us ready for ghost hunting. See you in the kitchen. Inca **When: Thursday, July 31, 2008. Where: Village Cup. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #904[illegible]**

MY LIVIN' DESTRUCTION [illegible] HERO
Happy Birthday! This is the greatest love story ever and the best part is that it just began. You are the most perfect person I have ever known and I love you so much it almost hurts. And we have the whole world at our fingertips. Prepare yourself... it's gonna be EPIC. **When: Thursday, July 31, 2008. Where: all over this town. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904263**

RAIN PONCHO, MELISSA ETHERIDGE, JULY 26
Ted the Massage Therapist: We did not exchange personal info and I'd like to return your jacket. I'm highly caffeinated, I'm hoping you will not think I'm nuts. Thanks for keeping me dry while I danced! **When: Saturday, July 26, 2008. Where: Melissa Etheridge concert. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904[illegible]**

PRETTY BOY
A... For as much as this Midwesterner can talk, I just can't find the right words to tell you just how much your friendship means to me. You are an amazing wonderful human being and you are my friend. Love you tons -J **When: Sunday, July 20, 2008. Where: Colchester. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904[illegible]**

SUSAN (FROM AVETT BROTHERS SHOW)
Susan from Williston who works for the Flynn: We met at the Avett Brothers show and I am completely taken with you. For some crazy reason I didn't get your number. I still want to take you to Prairie Home Companion. Do you need tix? I don't know but it's worth a shot. **When: Sunday, July 27, 2008. Where: Avett Brothers, Higher Ground. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904[illegible]**

MOST AMAZING SMILE
To A.B.: I'm so glad that we've gotten in touch. I've missed you. I have so much fun when we're together. You have a wonderful sense of humor. You still have the most amazing smile that could brighten anyone's day. I love the sound of your laughter and the way your eyes sparkle when you smile. D.G. [illegible] **When: Wednesday, July 30, 2008. Where: Burlington. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #904[illegible]**

LALALALA..LALALALA.. LALALALALALALA
Luna... you're the BEST thing in my life. Please come back. I am lost without you. **When: Sunday, October 1, 2006. Where: You know where you are. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904[illegible]**

MY FEMALE SWEENEY TODD?
You by the pool drinking in your chair? The image is so seared into my mind forever when you let that one slip with your cute smile. I think you are totally hot. I don't think you are there but I thought I'd let you know anyway. Be careful with your sharp steak knives. OK? **When: Wednesday, July 23, 2008. Where: South Burlington. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904[illegible]**

EYES THAT SMILE BACK
It was wonderful spending my summer with you. Now we embark on our own adventures to pursue. I hope that we return having each improved ourselves. You will still have my love and support, as best I can give from so far away. **When: Tuesday, May 25, 2008. Where: atop the Hill. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904[illegible]**

ABE'S PLACE, SATURDAY NIGHT, JULY 26
Your attractive blond wearing a purple top, sitting down near the pool table. Your friends may have been trying to set you up with someone. I was sitting near you for a short while and we had a lot of eye contact before I got a chance to say hello you began playing pool, distracted in a game or mentor. **When: Saturday, July 26, 2008. Where: Abe's Place. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904[illegible]**

MMM...DBP
Happy Reel-ordering policewoman: saw me in an in-depth conversation with one of my players about Hemon and giving advice to a young man. Maybe too late, too late, but... **When: Monday, July 28, 2008. Where: South Burlington McDonald's. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904256**

WHEN YOU SMILE, I SMILE.
I spy my [illegible] friend [illegible] her special day. The day to celebrate her beautiful existence. Happy Birthday to my lovely and fabulous friend. You are truly the best thing since sliced bread. I feel blessed to have you in my life. **When: Sunday, July 27, 2008. Where: out and about. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #904252**

SHELBURNE FARMS CONCERT JULY 26
You looked at me and I was looking right back at you. I was in Montpelier. Come and find me, lover girl [illegible]. **When: Saturday, July 26, 2008. Where: beer tent, Melissa Etheridge concert. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #904[illegible]**

M.E. CONCERT
We shared lingering eye contact. I am still thinking about you days later. Let us meet soon, share our first kiss, or whatever. I'll be waiting for your email. **When: Saturday, July 26, 2008. Where: Melissa Etheridge Concert. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #904251**

M.E. CONCERT "FEMALE" BARTENDER
You served me and my friend "fire beers" and we shared some awesome eye contact. I felt a tingle, did you? You, long dark hair, amazing eyes, warm smile and a crackin' hot rock. Me, green shirt and jeans, watched you watch me. Let's get together ASAP. **When: Saturday, July 26, 2008. Where: Melissa Etheridge concert. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #904250**

I WOULDN'T TRADE YOU
For the world. The west coast is nowhere near as beautiful as you, even though there actually are bagels there. As soon as I find a nice one, I'll take it home to you. I love you lady. **When: Sunday, April 27, 2008. Where: [illegible] long ago. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #904[illegible]**

AWESOME MUSICIANS AT BARNSTOCK '08
I spy dozens of amazing musicians and scores of beautiful old hippies. The rain gods couldn't even slow it down. You were all hopping [illegible] something which made me remember. I saw Clayton and Freddie on the stage. Until next [illegible] Barnstock [illegible] keep the dream alive. Rock on. **When: Saturday, July 26, 2008. Where: by the sugarhouse. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904[illegible]**

WHOSERRR?
Where did you go? Wanted to know more. **When: Monday, July 28, 2008. Where: Richmond. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904245**

NICE GLASSES
To the gorgeous, green-eyed redhead who bought glasses today in my optical shop: You look amazing in those. We talked about football-shaped eyes (no one will be able to tell, I promise.) Hope to see you again soon. **When: Monday, July 28, 2008. Where: [illegible] Mall. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904244**

DROP-DEAD GORGEOUS WOMAN
You had our daughter on your shoulders. I had our son on my shoulders. Watching you in the crowd made my knees weak. [illegible] but I stayed strong for my rider. One day at a time, you are our children's hero, and you are my soulmate. What a gift you give us. TOGETHER STRONG. Love, Stacy [illegible] **When: Saturday, July 26, 2008. Where: M.E. concert. [illegible] You: Woman. Me: Woman. #904243**

PINK COLLARS AT VT AGENCY
Alicia, Carrie and Brenna. You always make me smile and you always do the most amazing job with clients. I wish you regular pay increases and upgrades in job satisfaction. Thanks for making my time at the VT branch more pleasant than it could have been otherwise. Onwards and upwards. **When: Tuesday, June 24, 2008. Where: 456 Mountain View Drive. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #904242**

ELANA KABBALAH
My dearest spiritual sister, thanks for your sage advice and confident presence in my life, even from as far away as Argentina. I am looking at Northampton with good hope and excitement. Here's to the rest of summer and a wonderful trip to the west coast. You deserve passionate loves and great adventures! **When: Saturday, July 19, 2008. Where: Montpelier. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #904241**

KNIGHT FROM NEW NORTH END
Rose: when the ships are down your chivalry is astonishing. Ten times ten thousand wishes for the fulfillment of your dreams. You are a dear, precious friend. Please remember me and I'll be there for you too. **When: Friday, July 25, 2008. Where: New North End. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904240**

SAILING ON OTHER WAVES
I spy two amazing women who enlightened my whole weekend. Cheryl and Ann, you are the sweet honey in the rocks of adversity I have recently been facing. Thanks for sharing your wisdom, grace and humor. **When: Saturday, July 26, 2008. Where: Mallett's Bay. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #904239**

NONSTOP FLIGHT TO SEATTLE
A nonstop flight to heaven. I have been looking forward to this day my whole life. You and me, we created the world. And what a beautiful job we did. Let's shed a tear for our wonderful past and get ready for a beautiful future. I love you, Bri!!! **When: Monday, July 28, 2008. Where: my mind's eye, right in front of me. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904238**

OUR PATHS CROSSED AT MELISSA
It turns out that we've been crossing paths in our daily commutes to and from Milton and Camels Hump. Thanks to Melissa, they crossed close enough for us to meet. Shall we meet again for a glass of wine and a dip in the pool? **When: Saturday, July 26, 2008. Where: Melissa Etheridge Concert. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #904230**

STARBUCKS DOWNTOWN
You were fumbling change at the cash register so I filled the [illegible] some kindness. I hope it did a little good. Thanks for the coffee; tomorrow will be a latte guy. **When: Saturday, July 26, 2008. Where: Church St. Starbucks. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904236**

BOOKIES MAKE ME SMILE ?
Gay Pride July 12 Higher Ground. You were wearing a tiny t-shirt that said "Bookies make me smile". You are sooo cute. You're great on the dance floor too. You look like you're a lot of fun. I'm a good-looking fem who loves soft, butch women. Early 40s, slim and 5'5, I have nice boobies. Hope to hear from you soon! **When: Saturday, July 12, 2008. Where: Higher Ground. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #904[illegible]**

LINDSEY WHO LOVES TO BALL
How's it going, you cute little flirt? I thought about going to a movie or getting some ice cream. You should "I Spy" me with a day and time. **When: Saturday, July 26, 2008. Where: around. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904234**

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astrology

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body

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bodywork

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dance

BALLROOM DANCING: Mondays and Thursdays in Burlington and Sundays in Shelburne. Cost: $60 /4 weeks (per person). Location: The Champlain Club, 20 Crowley Street, Shelburne Town Hall, 5420 Shelburne Road, Burlington and Shelburne. Info: First Step Dance, Kevin Laddison, 802-598-6757, www.FirstStepDance.com. *Level I classes for beginners, Level II and above for experienced dancers. We host dances (with lessons) on the second and fourth Friday of each month. No experience is necessary, just an interest in learning to dance. Come alone or come with friends, but come out and learn to dance.*

DANCE STUDIO SALSALINA: Cost: $12 /class. Location: 266 Pine St., Burlington. Info: Victoria, 802-598-1077, info@salsalina.com. *Salsa classes, nightclub-style. One-on-one, group and private, four levels. Beginner walk-in classes: Wednesdays, 6 p.m. Argentinean Tango class and social, Fridays, 7:30 p.m., walk-ins welcome. No dance experience, partner or pre-registration required, just the desire to have fun. Drop in any time and prepare for an enjoyable workout!*

FUNDAMENTALS OF JAZZ DANCE: Sep. 8-Dec. 15, 6-8 p.m., weekly on Monday. Location: CCV Burlington. Info: 802-865-4422, www.ccv.edu. *An introduction to jazz dance techniques, aesthetics and theory. Three-credit class. Also includes hip hop, theater and African dance. Instructor: Karen Amirault. Call 802-863-2687 to register now by appt. Open registration begins Mon. 8/11.*

INTRODUCTION TO TAP DANCE: Sep. 8-Dec. 15, 7:15-9:15 p.m., weekly on Monday. Location: CCV Burlington. Info: 802-865-4422, www.ccv.edu. *An introduction to tap dance techniques, aesthetics and theory. Three-credit class. Instructor: Karen Amirault. Call 802-863-2687 to register now by appt. Open registration begins Mon. 8/11.*

design/build

4-DAY EARTHEN OVEN INTENSIVE: Sep. 22-27. Cost: $850 /4 days including meals & camping. Location: Black Falls Farm, Black Falls Road, Montgomery. Info: Always Generation Natural Builders, Mark Krawczyk, 802-999-2768, www.agnb.com. *Learn to build your own earthen bread and pizza oven from local, natural materials. Using wood, stone and clay, explore the entire construction process, including dry stone foundation, insulated earthen oven and wood-frame shelter. Presentations, lecture and hands-on construction cover building fundamentals, including siting, design, materials selection and more.*

SITE TECH A & B REVIEW: Aug. 22, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Cost: $150 / lunch provided. Location: Randolph Center, Vermont. Info: fread@vtc.edu, cap.vtc.edu. *Formerly Site Tech A. Field practice supported by Vermont Tech for those planning to get their Site Tech A & B certification for septic system design and for those brushing up on their soil test pit description skills. Identify soil texture, soil layers, mottling and site limitations for septic design. Bring a measuring tape and soil-scraping tool, we'll provide the expert guidance, the hole and the test pit logs. Instructor: Steve McCabe, McCabe Consulting.*

YESTERMORROW DESIGN/BUILD SCHOOL: Cost: $300 /8-day class (materials fees may be applicable). Scholarships available. Location: Yestermorrow Design/Build School, Route 100, Warren. Info: Yestermorrow Design/Build School, 802-496-5545, designbuild@yestermorrow.org, www.yestermorrow.org. *HOW TO GC YOUR OWN HOME, 8/4-8/7. Learn scheduling, permits, estimating, managing subs and steps of the building process. GREEN REHABILITATION, 8/13-8/14. Green building and sustainable design relative to historic preservation and adaptive reuse. POWERTOOLS FOR WOMEN, 8/17-8/18. Covering a variety of power tools in a safe, friendly, supportive environment.*

drumming

BURLINGTON TAIKO CLASSES: Cost: $53/5 week Adult Beginner Class. Location: Taiko Space, 208 Flynn Ave., Burlington. Info: Burlington Taiko, 802-863-4257, classes@burlingtontaiko.org, www.burlingtontaiko.org. *Beginning classes Tuesdays: Kids, 4:45-5:20 p.m. $40/5 weeks. Adults, 6-7:20 p.m. $55/5 weeks. Sessions begin 8/26, 9/30. Gift certificates are available. For a full schedule of classes or more info, go online or email.*

RICHMOND TAIKO CLASSES: For further information on classes or more info, go to website. Location: Richmond Free Library Community Room, downtown Richmond. Info: 802-434-2026, classes@burlingtontaiko.org. *Hold pre-registration is due 1 week before the session start dates and there is a 10-person minimum for each class. Pre-registrants will receive $5 off their session fee (the first price shown below). Gift certificates are available! Kids & parents class (beginners): 6-6:50 p.m. $38/$40/4 weeks. Adult class (beginners): 7-7:50 p.m. $40/$44/4 weeks. Sessions begin 8/26 & 9/23.*

empowerment

HIGH SENSE PERCEPTION WORKSHOP: Aug. 6-28, 7-9 p.m., weekly on Tuesday. Cost: $45. Location: 411 [illegible] Street, South Burlington. Info: Ann, 802-264-1913. *Learn to use the full range of your psychic abilities and work with energy fields. Led by Dr. Ann Martinez, teacher and author. Limited to 20 students. For directions call Kathy 802-893-8683.*

MAPPING YOUR INTERIOR LANDSCAPE: September. Dates TBA. Cost: $44. Location: TBA. *Explore through your inner landscape with images, metaphors, myths and symbols to illuminate your journey through life. Led by Kathy Rose, teacher and trainer. Info: Kathy, 203-879-3371 or Ann, 802-264-7909.*

health

NAMI-VERMONT FAMILY TO FAMILY: Location: 8 Locations throughout the state, Barre, Burlington, Manchester, Middlebury & White River Junction. Info: NAMI Vermont, 802-244-1396, namivt@verizon.net, www.namivt.org. *Family to Family is a free 12-week course offering family members of individuals with mental illness the latest facts about methods of treatment, chances for recovery, how to take care of yourself & meet other family members.*

herbs

HOLISTIC PHYSIOLOGY: Cost: $480. Location: Vermont Center for Integrative Herbalism, 250 Main St., Suite 402, Montpelier. Info: Vermont Center for Integrative Herbalism, 802-224-1338, info@vtherbcenter.org, www.vtherbcenter.org. *Study the human body systems and how they function, exploring the mechanisms of fluid & electrolyte regulation, digestion & stress response, and endocrine regulation and focusing on nutrient and herbal pathways for each of the systems. See website for specific dates and times. Classes begin Thursday, Sept. 11.*

ORIENTAL HERBAL MEDICINE: Location: Elements of Healing, 68 Pearl St, Essex Junction. Info: Elements of Healing, Scott Moylan, 802-288-8160, elementsofhealing@verizon.net, www.elementsofhealing.net. *Class meets one weekend/month and will focus on the use of Chinese and Japanese herbs, working with loose herbs and combining them into formulas. Students will learn the fundamentals of Oriental diagnosis and theory, Yin Yang theory, 5 element, 8 principle, and an in-depth study of [illegible], tongue and pulse diagnosis.*

WISDOM OF THE HERBS SCHOOL: Wild Edible Intensive 2008-2009. Refreshing Local Food Security. Class meets for two to three Sundays each term from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Late Summer term: Aug. 10, Sept. 7 & Oct. 5. Spring term: May 24, June 14 & July 12, 2009. Tuition: $400 both terms or $240 each term. Early discounted tuition available: commit to both terms and register two weeks before class, $50 non-refundable deposit each term. VSAC non-degree grants available. Location: Wisdom of the Herbs School, South Woodbury. Info: Annie McCleary, Director, 802-456-8122, annie@wisdomoftheherbsschool.com, www.WisdomOfTheHerbsSchool.com. *Wild Edibles Workshop: Eating Wild Where We Live, Friday, July 25, 4-6 p.m. $40/$30 non-refundable deposit. Wild harvesting food has been the way of life for most of the history of humankind. The end of the age of cheap oil and the reality of global warming require that we once again find our food locally.*

kitesurfing/windsurfing

KITESURF & WINDSURFING CLASSES: Location: Burlington Boathouse, North end of North Ave., Burlington. Info: Stormboarding, Raphael Miller, 802-878-8130, raphael@stormboarding.com, www.stormboarding.com. *Become one of two great water sports. Get windsurfing in 1 hour (thanks to modern equipment)! Kitesurfing begins with a ground school lesson (2 hours) followed by your first water lesson (5 hours). See detailed info on www.stormboarding.com. Beginning and advanced, individual and group lessons available 7 days/week. $40-$250.*

language

JOB-SPECIFIC SPANISH LANGUAGE: Location: Just Spanish 4u, 145 Pine Haven Shores Rd., Shelburne. Info: Just Spanish 4U, 802-985-1833, www.JustSpanish4u.com. *As an Official Registered Provider of Command Spanish, Inc., Just Spanish 4u offers on-site, job-specific Spanish language and cross-cultural training in diverse areas and professions, including but not limited to: Dentistry, Medical, Nursing, EMTs & Paramedics, Child Care Facilities, Public Safety, Manufacturing, Construction, Office Management, Banking, Hospitality and Retail Sales. With our training programs, your organization can: *Promote better communication on the job *Increase safety in the workplace *Enhance worker job performance *Increase or remove communication barriers *Provide cost-effective instruction *Project a positive image in the Hispanic community *Protect your agency from litigation *Provide better service to persons in the Hispanic community. All programs are non-grammar-based. No previous Spanish experience is necessary to enroll in Command Spanish courses, which are low-stress and occupation-specific, and last 8-24 hours.*

martial arts

MARTIAL WAY SELF-DEFENSE CTR.: Introductory Class. Location: Two minutes off I-89 at Exit 17, Colchester. Info: 802-893-8893. *Day and evening classes for adults. Afternoon and Saturday classes for children. Group and private lessons. Kempo, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Kali and Wing Chun Kung Fu.*

T'AI CHI MONTPELIER: Cost: $80 /10-week semester. Location: Heartspace, 64 Main St., 3rd Fl., Montpelier. Info: Ellie Hayes, 802-456-1983. *New to T'ai Chi: Fall Semester begins Monday, Sept. 8. Introductory class: 5-5:45 p.m. at 64 Main St., 3rd floor, across from City Hall in Montpelier. Instructor Ellie Hayes has been teaching T'ai Chi since 1974. Come experience the many benefits of T'ai Chi for yourself.*

VERMONT AIKIDO OPEN HOUSE: Location: Vermont Aikido, 274 N Winooski Ave., Burlington. Info: 802-951-8900, www.vermontaikido.org. *Saturday, August 23, 2-4 p.m. Aikido demonstration at 2:30 & 3:30, snacks and refreshments provided. INTRO CLASS: 4 consecutive Wednesdays beginning September 3, 6-7:30 p.m. CLASSES: Tues.-Fri., 6-7:30 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 10-11:30 a.m. Visitors welcome.*

massage

650-HR MASSAGE TRAINING: Sep. 8-May 31, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Location: Touchstone Healing Arts School of Massage, 205 Dorset Street, South Burlington. Info: Touchstone Healing Arts School of Massage, 802-658-7715, info@touchstonehealingarts.com, www.touchstonehealingarts.com. *We are still accepting applications for our 650-hour Massage Practitioner Training Program. Visit our website for a detailed description of this exciting course. Fill out an online application. Space is limited. Give yourself the gift of a year of deep learning and a skill that will last a lifetime.*

AROMASSAGE THERAPY CLASS: 10-month Certified training Course. Location: BodySoul Rehab Massage & School, 4 Fairfield Hill Road, St. Albans. Info: BodySoul Rehab Massage & School, Hope Backus, C.M.I. (Instructor), 802-524-5005, www.bodysoulmassageschool.com. *Saturdays, starting October 11, for 10 months. $500 scholarship for health-care professionals and cosmetologists. Financial options and payment plans available. Check our website for more info on becoming a successful therapist today. Register by Sept. 20 (only 4 openings left).*

ASIAN BODYWORK THERAPY PROGRAM: Cost: $5,000 /500-hour program. Location: Elements of Healing, 68 Pearl Street, Essex Junction. Info: Elements of Healing, Scott Moylan, 802-288-8160, www.elementsofhealing.net. *This program teaches two forms of Oriental massage, Amma and Shiatsu. We will explore Oriental medicine theory, the body's meridian system, acupressure points, Yin Yang Theory and 5-Element Theory. Additionally diagnostic methods of questioning, abdominal and tongue diagnosis are taught, giving students the tools to treat a wide range of imbalances.*

meditation

LEARN TO MEDITATE: Meditation instruction available Sunday mornings, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., or by appointment. The Shambhala Cafe meets the first Saturday of each month for meditation and discussion, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. An Open House occurs every third Wednesday evening of each month, 7-9 p.m., which includes an intro to the center, a short dharma talk and socializing. Location: Burlington Shambhala Center, 187 So. Winooski Ave., Burlington. Info: 802-658-6795, www.burlingtonshambhalacenter.org. *Through the practice of sitting still and following your breath as it goes out and dissolves, you are connecting with your heart. By simply letting yourself be, as you are, you develop genuine sympathy toward yourself. The Burlington Shambhala Center offers meditation as a path to discovering gentleness and wisdom.*

music

BURLINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR: Aug. 20-Dec. 10, 7-8:30 p.m., weekly on Wednesday. Location: CCV Burlington. Info: 802-865-4422, www.ccv.edu. *Explore a variety of music including spirituals, traditional and contemporary folk songs, classical and world music. No auditions required; beginners and "shower singers" welcome. Non-credit workshop. Semester dues $55. Directed by Amity Baker. Open registration begins Mon. 8/11.*

FUNDAMENTALS OF SINGING: Sep. 4-Dec. 10, 3-5:45 p.m., weekly on Wednesday. Location: CCV Burlington. Info: 802-865-4422, www.ccv.edu. *An introduction to vocal technique, ensemble singing and musicianship for the beginning singer. Call 802-863-2687 to register now by appt. Open registration begins Mon. 8/11.*

MUSIC CLASSES AT CCV: Classes start the first week of September. Location: CCV Burlington. Info: 802-865-4422, www.ccv.edu. *Classes include: Music Fundamentals, Music Theory, Piano I, Guitar I, Intro to Technology in Music and Intro to Rock and Roll. Music classes cover a variety of musical styles including jazz, rock, pop, traditional and world music. Call 802-652-2687 to register now by appt. Open registration begins Mon. 8/11.*

parenting

NURTURING PARENTING PROGRAM: Location: Nurturing Parenting Classes, locations are confidential, throughout VT Chittenden County. Info: Prevent Child Abuse Vermont, Jessie LaCroix, 802-[illegible], [illegible]@pcavt.org, www.pcavt.org. *The Nurturing Parenting Program is an educational program that involves the whole family. Improve communication with your children, learn how to set limits, have family meetings, discipline without yelling or spanking, and have a fun time together with other families. For information & to register, call 1-800-CHILDREN.*

photography

AUGUST WORKSHOPS @DESIGN HAUS: Please call to reserve your spot. Cost: $15 /3-hour workshop. Location: DESIGNHAUS, 22 Church St., 2nd Floor, Burlington. Info: DESIGN HAUS, 802-[illegible], designhaus@gmail.com, designhaus.org. *Saturday, 8/23, 5:30-8:30 p.m.: INTRO TO DIGITAL CAMERA - what does this button do? Learn it here. Monday, 8/25, 5:30-8:30 p.m.: DIGITAL WORKFLOW: From capture to presentation using Photoshop Lightroom and Photo Mechanic. Thursday, 8/28, 6-8 p.m.: HISTORY OF PHOTOGRAPHY: Slideshow lecture on the evolution of stylistic and technical photographic processes.*

pilates

A UNIQUE PILATES EXPERIENCE: Cost: $55 /private sessions; $45/semi-private sessions. Location: The Pilates Den, Williston. Info: 802-[illegible], www.pilatesden.com. *Discover Pilates with Polestar-certified instructor Shannon [illegible]. Years of experience combined with creativity provides fun, informative, stress-relieving sessions in a supportive environment. Private sessions and semi-private sessions are offered on the equipment, as well as small group mat classes, all in the comfort of a sun-filled home studio.*

ABSOLUTE PILATES: Affordable, invigorating group mat classes and 1-on-1 sessions that fit your body & your wallet. Location: [illegible], South Burlington. Info: 802-[illegible], www.absolutepilatesvt.com. *Tone, stretch, strengthen and shape up for summer with certified classical Pilates & Polestar Pilates instructor Lynne [illegible]. Sculpt a great new body in group mat classes or private lessons on reformer, Wunda chair and tower unit in an attractive, welcoming facility. Visit our website for pricing, class times and specials.*

NATURAL BODIES PILATES: Take Pilates Mat and Reformer. [illegible], Certified in Integrative Movement, teaches all three in our Studio class. Private sessions, class cards, and per class rates available. Free Saturday group introductions, and special rates on private introduction by appointment. Location: Natural Bodies Pilates, 49 Hannaberg Dr. (Hwy 117 just north of Burlington [illegible]), Colchester. Info: Lucille Dyer, 802-[illegible], lucille@naturalbodiespilates.com, NaturalBodiesPilates.com. *Enjoy movement that feels right for your body, mind and spirit. Learn to shape your body, relieve back pain, develop more strength, awareness, comfort and ease of movement in a supportive environment. Classes are small, welcoming and fun! Experience the difference of Lucille Dyer's 20 years' teaching expertise. Call today!*

PILATES SPACE: a division of ALL Wellness, LLC. Many package/pricing options to suit your budget. Please call for pricing details. Location: Pilates Space, 208 Flynn Ave. (across from the antique shops, near Oakledge Park), Burlington. Info: 802-863-9900, www.pilatesspace.net. *We invite all bodies, all ages and all abilities to experience our welcoming atmosphere, skillful, caring instructors with light-filled studio. We offer Pilates privates, semi-privates and group classes, physical therapy, holistic health counseling, craniosacral therapy and Anusara-inspired yoga. Free Intro to Pilates: 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. Please call to reserve your space in the free intro.*

psychology

MYTHOLOGY: Sep. 4 - Oct. 31, 7-9 p.m., weekly on Thursday. Cost: $[illegible]. Location: 55 Clover Lane, Waterbury. Info: Sue, 802-244-7909. *Discover some of the myths you are living in this Jung-oriented workshop. Led by Sue Mehrtens, author and teacher.*

qi gong

SHEN GONG QI GONG: Cost: $[illegible]/weekend workshop. Location: Elements of Healing, 42 Pearl St., Essex Junction. Info: Elements of Healing, Scott Moylan, 802-[illegible], elementsofhealing@verizon.net, www.elementsofhealing.net. *The Shen Gong Qi Gong set is part of the internal system of healing. These exercises strengthen the circulation of energy through the organs to increase health and sensory perception. Their primary purpose is self healing. Taught by Master Lew, a Taoist priest with over 40 years' experience in the traditional Taoist arts.*

reflexology

INTRODUCTION & ADVANCED II: Sep. 6-21. Cost: $650 /$815 for Advanced II. Location: Touchstone Healing Arts School of Massage, 205 Dorset Street, South Burlington. Info: Touchstone Healing Arts School of Massage, 802-658-7715, info@touchstonehealingarts.com, www.touchstonehealingarts.com. *Learn the basics of Reflexology including an effective [illegible] in our lively and informative introductory class. Then dive deeper into another dimension and quality of your practice in the advanced component. Classes can be taken separately but build on one another. Level II includes a basic Hand Reflexology sequence.*

relationships

MARRIAGE & PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP: Cost: [illegible] /couple for 14-week class. Location: Burlington area. Location: No. Prospect Street, Burlington. Info: Christine Rushforth, 802-[illegible]. *This therapist-facilitated, 14-week interactive workshop for couples combines psycho-education with experiential exercises, including small-group discussion, in-group writing and partner exercises. You will learn the latest research on what makes relationships succeed and what makes them fail. The group meets weekly for two hours. Call for info.*

spirit

BASIC PSYCHIC DEVELOPMENT: Aug. 28 - Oct. 30, weekly on Thursday. Cost: $175. Location: Essex Junction, Vermont. Info: Bernice Kelman, 802-899-3542, kelman3@juno.com. *Everyone is born with natural psychic abilities. There is nothing "supernatural" about these abilities. All children are naturally psychic. We were psychic when we were children. However, our culture teaches us to shut off these abilities. You can learn simple and easy ways to tap into your own hidden abilities, to "become as little children" and play as naturally as you did then, to use your inborn talents to make your life healthier, happier, more loving and more fun. Space is limited. Reserve your space now!*

spirituality

WAKING OUR DREAM: 8/29, 7-10 p.m.; 8/30, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; 8/31, 9 a.m.-12 noon. Cost: $120 /weekend workshop. Sliding scale available. Lodging and meal options for reasonable cost. Location: Metta Earth Institute, Lincoln. Info: Sacred Earth Network, [illegible], 802-[illegible], www.sacredearthnetwork.org. *Join others who care about the fate of the planet, and who want to reconnect with self, nature, others. Now is the time for humans to awaken to a new dream of Earth. An experiential workshop, led by Lynn Roberts of Dream Change with Bill Pfeiffer of Sacred Earth Network.*

tai chi

SUFI CHI [illegible]: Sep. 3 - Oct. 1, 7-9 p.m., weekly on Wednesday. Cost: $[illegible]. Location: 51 Old [illegible] Lane, Waterbury. Info: Radha, 802-[illegible]. *Through this unique exercise system, combining Chinese and Sufi tradition, learn to balance the planetary energies for body-mind integration. Led by [illegible], certified Sufi instructor.*

theater

ACTING I: Sep. 4 - Dec. 11, 6:15-9:15 p.m., weekly on Thursday. Location: CCV Burlington. Info: 802-865-4422, www.ccv.edu. *An introduction to the craft of acting. Includes work in improvisation, monologues and dramatic scenes. Three-credit class. Instructor, Ronald [illegible]. Call 802-652-2687 to register now by appt. Open registration begins Mon. 8/11.*

visual arts

MONOTYPES & HAND PULLED PRINTS: Aug. 16, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 1-day workshop. Location: Shelburne Art Center, 58 Falls Road, Shelburne. Info: Shelburne Art Center, 802-985-3648, www.shelburneartcenter.org. *A monotype is a type of printmaking done by drawing or painting on a surface and then transferring the image onto a paper by pressing the two together. In this introductory workshop, students will learn various techniques using black, white and color inks. Members $85, nonmembers $95, materials $20.*

VISUAL ART CLASSES AT CCV: Most classes begin the week of Sept. 2. Location: CCV Burlington. Info: 802-865-4422, www.ccv.edu. *More than 30 classes including Drawing, Introduction to Studio Art, Life Drawing, Two Dimensional Design, Drawing II, Digital Photography, Graphic Design, Paper Arts: Book Arts, Printmaking, Ceramics, Sculpture, Oil Painting, Color Theory, Art History, Photography I, Printmaking and Stained Glass. CCV offers Associate Degree programs in Graphic Design, Multimedia Communications and Visual Arts. CCV art classes are taught by well-known Vermont artists. Register now!*

weight loss

VTRIM WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM: Aug. 13 - Feb. 11, 12-1 p.m., weekly on Wednesdays. Cost: $195 /6-month program (That's just $[illegible] a week!). Location: [illegible] Chapel, University of Vermont, Burlington. Info: Vtrim, University of Vermont, 802-[illegible], www.uvm.edu/vtrim. *The University of Vermont Weight Management Research Program is now offering Vtrim, its research-tested weight-loss program, to the community. You can register for Vtrim classes today at http://www.uvm.edu/vtrim. Don't delay! Space is limited to 20!*

women

START UP: Cost: $1,600 /15-week course. Location: Mercy Connections, 346 Shelburne Rd., Burlington. Info: Women's Small Business Program, Lorna Lyons, 802-[illegible], www.mercyconnections.org. *Start Up is a 100-hour, 15-week, comprehensive business-building course. This hands-on course will assist you in moving from a business idea to the completion of a high-quality business plan.*

writing

OUR NATURE, OUR WORDS: Aug. 28 - Dec. 18, 6-8:30 p.m., weekly on Tuesdays. Cost: $[illegible] /15 weeks of 2.5- to 3-hour classes. Location: Howard Space Center, 12 Howard Street, Burlington. Info: Women Writing for (a) Change - Vermont, Sarah Bartlett, 802-881-1777, sarah@womenwritingvt.com, www.womenwritingvt.com. *Claim time for your Self and your voice. Join a deepening community of women writing for personal insight, spiritual growth, political change. Weekly circles provide structure to [illegible], free prompts, feedback, support and encouragement. Sarah Bartlett is the licensed and seasoned facilitator. Our fifth year in Vermont.*

yoga

BRISTOL YOGA AND AYURVEDA: Daily Ashtanga yoga classes for all levels. Special monthly workshops on yoga, Ayurveda, balance and flow, breathing and meditation. Private sessions in yoga and Ayurveda consultations available by appointment. Cost: $14 /drop-in, $110/10 classes or $100/monthly pass. Location: [illegible], Bristol. Info: 802-482-[illegible], www.bristolyoga.com. *This classical form of yoga incorporates intense strength and flexibility to clarify the mind, strengthen the body and free the soul. Bristol Yoga is directed by [illegible], who was blessed and authorized to teach by Sri K. Pattabhi Jois of Mysore India, holder of the Ashtanga lineage.*

COPPER CRANE YOGA: KIDS YOGA with Kelly McKay, [illegible]: Monday 11:15-12:15pm 8/18 & 8/25; [illegible] Wednesday 1:30-2:15pm 8/20 & 8/27. Cost: $15 /drop-in; $60/5-class card; $115/10-class card; $200/20-class card. Location: Copper Crane Yoga, 179 Main St., Vergennes. Info: 802-877-[illegible], coppercraneyoga.com. *Individual, group and custom yoga classes. Thai Yoga Bodywork and Reiki Balancing sessions by appointment. Copper Crane provides a safe and compassionate setting to strengthen the body, uplift the heart and calm the mind. Be yourself here. Copper Crane is directed by Carolyn Conner, RYT. Advanced Certified Thai Yoga Bodywork practitioner.*

EVOLUTION YOGA: Mondays, [illegible] p.m. Class is sliding scale [illegible]; Friday classes at [illegible] p.m. Cost: $11 / drop-in, $130/10 class card for 1.5-hr classes, $11/drop-in, $[illegible]/10 class card for 1-hr classes. Location: Evolution Yoga, 20 Kilburn Street, Burlington. Info: 802-864-9642, www.evolutionvt.com. *Vinyasa, Anusara-Inspired, Kripalu and Iyengar classes for all levels plus kids yoga and baby yoga. Prepare for birth and strengthen postpartum with pre/postnatal yoga.*

YOGA VERMONT: Daily drop-in classes, plenty of choices, open to all levels. Cost: $14 /drop-in, $110/10 classes, $120/month pass. Location: Chace Mill on Winooski River and downtown at 113 Church St. (top floor of the [illegible] building), Burlington. Info: 802-660-[illegible], www.yogavermont.com. *Yoga for [illegible], Six-Week Intro to Pranayama, Six-Week Intro to Kripalu, Six-Week Intro to Ashtanga, Monthly Restorative, Adaptive Yoga, Instructor training and more listed on website. Gift certificates available. For the latest, check out our blog: http://yogavermont.typepad.com.*

housing

For Sale

3-BR, 1.5-BA CONDO: [illegible] Hardwood flooring, Rinnai gas heater, new carpet, nice private yard. Near park, bike path, beach, [illegible]. Info: 802-[illegible].

FANTASTIC INVESTMENT: Don't miss this one! Current owner upgraded electrical system, siding & most windows. All essential maintenance has been done regularly & all units have the latest [illegible] inspections. Low maintenance, great income. Call Kate von Trapp, 802-[illegible]. Info: Coldwell Banker Hickok & Boardman Realty, www.[illegible].com.

For Rent

1-3 BR AFFORDABLE APTS: 1-BR apts $767/mo., 2-BR $911/mo., 3-BR $1,045/mo. Incl. heat & HW! Weekly yoga classes, fitness center, movie room & monthly community events! Income qualify: One person makes less than $28,840/yr., 2 people <$32,960 combined, 3 people <$37,[illegible] combined, 4 people <$41,[illegible] combined. Info: Keen's Crossing, 802-655-1810, www.keenscrossing.com.

1-BR LAKESIDE CABIN: Small cabin w/ kitchen, 1 BA, LR w/ fireplace & small dining area. Nestled in cedars w/ lg. deck overlooking Lake Champlain. Info: Jennifer Larsen, 802-425-[illegible], jenn.larsen[illegible]@gmavt.net.

BURLINGTON: 3-BR apt., Barrett St., $1600/mo. incl. heat & hot HW. 1-yr lease. No pets. Avail. immed. Info: 802-[illegible].

BURLINGTON: Church St. Marketplace studio/office space. Great location. Heat included! Info: 802-[illegible].

BURLINGTON: 2 & 3-BR apts. avail. Heat & HW incl. Close to downtown & waterfront. Off-street parking, garbage/snow removal, on bus line. $[illegible]/mo. + dep. Info: 802-[illegible].

BURLINGTON: 3-BR APT, 2nd floor, quiet, nice yard, parking, gas, NS/pets. Close to downtown. Avail. 9/1 (possibly 8/15). $[illegible]/mo. + utils. 1-yr lease. Info: 802-[illegible].

BURLINGTON: 4-BR APT. Screened porch, basement, W/D, 3-car parking. No pets. 11 Rose St. $1,800/mo. + utils. OPEN HOUSE: 8/23 [illegible] & 8/25 [illegible]. Info: 802-[illegible].

BURLINGTON: 3-BR APT. 2nd floor, quiet, parking, heat & electricity incl. NS/pets. 1 block from UVM & FAHC. Avail. now. $1710/mo. 1-yr. lease. Info: 802-[illegible].

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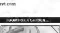

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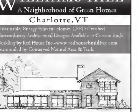

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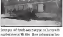

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Bands/ Musicians

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Openings/ Shows

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legals

ACT 250 NOTICE
MINOR APPLICATION
10 V.S.A. §§ 6001-6092

On July 23, 2008, South Village Communities, LLC filed application # 4C0 [illegible]-1A for a project generally described as:

The construction of two 32 unit condominium buildings on Lots 4A and 4B on Allen Street in Phase 1 of the South Village development. The Project is located at the intersection of Allen Road and Spear Street in the City of South Burlington. This Project will be evaluated by the District 4 Environmental Commission in accordance with the following criteria under 10 V.S.A. § 6086(a): Criteria 1 (B) (Waste Disposal), 1 & 2 (Water Supply), 4 (Soil Erosion), 9(F) (Energy Conservation), 9(J) (Public Utilities) and 9(K) (Effects on Public Investments). The remaining criteria were addressed under the Master Plan Review (Application #4C1160).

The District 4 Environmental Commission will review this application under Act 250 Rule 51 - Minor Applications. Copies of the application and proposed permit are available for review at the South Burlington Municipal Office, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission located at 30 Kimball Avenue, South Burlington, and the office listed below. The application and proposed permit may also be viewed on the Natural Resources Board's web site (www.nrb.state.vt.us/lup) by clicking on "Act 250 Database," selecting "Entire Database," and entering the case number above.

No hearing will be held unless, on or before Monday, August 25, 2008, a party notifies the District Commission of an issue or issues requiring the presentation of evidence at a hearing or the commission sets the matter for hearing on its own motion. Any hearing request shall be in writing to the address below, shall state the criteria or subcriteria at issue, why a hearing is required and what additional evidence will be presented at the hearing. Any hearing request by an adjoining property owner or other interested person must include a petition for party status. Prior to submitting a request for a hearing, please contact the district coordinator at the telephone number listed below for more information. Prior to convening a hearing, the District Commission must determine that substantive issues requiring a hearing have been raised. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law will not be prepared unless the Commission holds a public hearing.

Should a hearing be held on this project and you have a disability for which you are going to need accommodation, please notify us by Monday, August 25, 2008.

Parties entitled to participate are the Municipality, the Municipal Planning Commission, the Regional Planning Commission, adjoining property owners, other interested persons granted party status pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c). Non-party participants may also be allowed under 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c)(5).

Dated in Essex Junction, Vermont, this 30th day of July, 2008.

By: /s/ Stephanie H. Monaghan
Stephanie H. Monaghan
Natural Resources Board
District #4 Coordinator
111 West Street
Essex Junction, VT 05452
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E/ stephanie.monaghan@state.vt.us

ACT 250 NOTICE
MINOR APPLICATION
10 V.S.A. §§ 6001-6092

On July 18, 2008, William B. Sawyer LLC filed application # 4C1179-1 for a project generally described as:

Several changes to the previously-permitted seven lot Aurora Estates subdivision: 1) The addition of an eighth lot with one new duplex building, and 2) the demolition of an existing single family residence and construction of one new duplex building. The Project is located off of Cherry Street in the Town of Milton, VT.

The District 4 Environmental Commission will review this application under Act 250 Rule 51 - Minor Applications. Copies of the application and proposed permit are available for review at the Milton Municipal Office, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission located at 30 Kimball Avenue, South Burlington, and the office listed below. The application and proposed permit may also be viewed on the Natural Resources Board's web site (www.nrb.state.vt.us/lup) by clicking on "Act 250 Database," selecting "Entire Database," and entering the case number above.

No hearing will be held unless, on or before August 11, 2008, a party notifies the District Commission of an issue or issues requiring the presentation of evidence at a hearing or the commission sets the matter for hearing on its own motion. Any hearing request shall be in writing to the address below, shall state the criteria or subcriteria at issue, why a hearing is required and what additional evidence will be presented at the hearing. Any hearing request by an adjoining property owner or other interested person must include a petition for party status. Prior to submitting a request for a hearing, please contact the district coordinator at the telephone number listed below for more information. Prior to convening a hearing, the District Commission must determine that substantive issues requiring a hearing have been raised. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law will not be prepared unless the Commission holds a public hearing.

Should a hearing be held on this project and you have a disability for which you are going to need accommodation, please notify us by August 05, 2008.

Parties entitled to participate are the Municipality, the Municipal Planning Commission, the Regional Planning Commission, adjoining property owners, other interested persons granted party status pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c). Non-party participants may also be allowed under 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c)(5).

Dated in Essex Junction, Vermont, this 21st day of July, 2008.

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ACT 250 NOTICE
MINOR APPLICATION
10 V.S.A. §§ 6001-6092

On July 30, 2008, Housing Vermont, Inc., filed application # 4C1186-1 for a project generally described as:

a redesign of the approved Allenwood PRD with new road design and infrastructure redesign, all served by municipal water from the Town of Colchester and municipal sewer from the City of Winooski. The project is located on Mallets Bay Avenue, in the City of Winooski and Town of Colchester, Vermont.

The District 4 Environmental Commission will review this application under Environmental Board Rule 51 - Minor Applications. Copies of the application and proposed permit are available for review at the Winooski and Colchester Municipal Offices, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission located at 30 Kimball Avenue, South Burlington, and the office listed below. The application and proposed permit may also be viewed on the Natural Resources Board's web site (www.nrb.state.vt.us/lup) by clicking on "Act 250 Database," selecting "Entire Database," and entering the case number above.

A hearing will be held on September 4, 2008 at 9:30 AM at the Essex Junction District Office of the Agency of Natural

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Resources, 111 West Street, Essex Junction, Vermont. The site visit will be held at 7:30 AM at the site only if, on or before August 28, 2008, a party notifies the District Commission of an issue or issues requiring the presentation of evidence at a hearing or the commission sets the matter for hearing on its own motion. Any hearing request shall be in writing to the address below, shall state the criteria or subcriteria at issue, why a hearing is required and what additional evidence will be presented at the hearing. Any hearing request by an adjoining property owner or other interested person must include a petition for party status. Prior to submitting a request for a hearing please contact the district coordinator at the telephone number listed below for more information. Prior to convening a hearing, the District Commission must determine that substantive issues requiring a hearing have been raised. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law will not be prepared unless the Commission holds a public hearing. Directions to site: Route 15 to Mallets Bay Avenue turn right, go [illegible] mile to Pine Street, left onto West Street park on cul-de-sac.

Should a hearing be held on this project and you have a disability for which you are going to need accommodation, please notify us by August 28, 2008.

Parties entitled to participate are the Municipality, the Municipal Planning Commission, the Regional Planning Commission, adjoining property owners, other interested persons granted party status pursuant to Board Rule 14(B)(2). Non-party participants may also be allowed under Board Rule 14(C).

Dated in Essex Junction, Vermont, this 13th day of August 2008.

By /s/ Peter E. Keibel
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Charlotte Planning Commission
Notice of Public Hearing

Pursuant to Title 24 Chapter 117 V.S.A. and the Charlotte Land Use Regulations, the Charlotte Planning Commission will meet on Thursday September 4, 2008 at the Town Hall to hear the following application:

8:00 PM Final Plat Hearing for boundary adjustment and subdivision amendment between Maurice Harvey & Mary Meath and Ann Schofield at 951 and 1331 Roscoe Road

Application material can be viewed at the Planning and Zoning Office. Participation in the hearing is a prerequisite to the right to appeal any decision related to these applications.

PUBLIC HEARING
SOUTH BURLINGTON DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The South Burlington Development Review Board will hold a public hearing at the South Burlington High School, Cafeteria 3, 550 Dorset Street, South Burlington, Vermont on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. to consider the following:

1. Preliminary plat application #SD-08-43 & final plat application #SD-08-44 of South Village Communities, LLC to amend a previously approved planned unit development of Phase 1 consisting of 334 residential units and a 300-student educational facility, of a 334 residential unit project. The amendment consists of subdividing a 11,613 sq. ft. lot (lot #13) developed with a three (3) unit multi-family dwelling into three (3) lots, 133, 136, 140 Allen Road East.

John Dinklage, Chairman
South Burlington Development Review Board

Copies of the applications are available for public inspection at the South Burlington City Hall. August 13, 2008

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Annual meeting of the Board of Directors for VERMONT DENTAL CARE PROGRAMS will be held on Tuesday September 9, at 5:30 p.m. at the office of Vermont Dental Care at 32 Mallets Bay Ave, Winooski, Vermont. For further information please call Sandra at 655-2385.

STATE OF VERMONT
CHITTENDEN COUNTY, SS. CHITTENDEN SUPERIOR COURT
DOCKET NO. S0978-07 CnC

TD Banknorth, NA, successor in interest to Banknorth, NA, Plaintiff
v.
Francis B. Wilkins, Penelope L. Wilkins And Occupants residing at 1707 Lake Road, Milton, Vermont, Defendants

And

GMAC Mortgage, LLC f/k/a GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff
v.
Francis B. Wilkins, Penelope Momaney Wilkins, [illegible], TD Banknorth, NA, successor in interest to Banknorth, NA And Occupants residing at 1707 Lake Road, Milton, Vermont, Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by GMAC Mortgage Corporation to Francis B. Wilkins dated August 7, 2003 and recorded in Volume 278, Page 685 of the Land Records of the Town of Milton, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 P.M. on September 3, 2008, at 1707 Lake Road, Milton, Vermont all and singular the premises described in said mortgage:

To Wit:
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Frank P. Wilkins and Penelope Momaney-Wilkins by Warranty Deed of A. Thibault & Sons, LLC dated January 31, 2001 and of record in Book 216, Page 669 of the said land records.

Terms of Sale: $10,000.00 to be paid in cash by purchaser at the time of sale, with the balance due at closing. Proof of financing for the balance of the purchase to be provided at the time of sale. The sale is subject to taxes due and owing to the Town of Milton.

Other terms to be announced at the sale or inquire at Lobe & Fortin, 30 Kimball Ave., Ste. 306, South Burlington, VT 05403, 802 660-9000.

GMAC Mortgage, LLC
f/k/a GMAC Mortgage Corporation

By: Joshua R. Lobe, Esq.
Lobe & Fortin, PLC
30 Kimball Ave., Ste. 306
South Burlington, VT 05403

STATE OF VERMONT
CHITTENDEN COUNTY, SS.
CHITTENDEN SUPERIOR COURT
DOCKET NO. S0592-07 CnC

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-FF17, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-FF16, Plaintiff
v.
Gregory L. Eroce, Emil Eroce And Occupants residing at 116 Waybury Road, Colchester, Vermont, Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Mortgageit, a Division of National City Bank to Gregory L. Eroce dated September 22, 2006 and recorded in Volume 568, Page 733 of the Land Records of the Town of Colchester, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:15 P.M. on September 3, 2008, at 116 Waybury Road, Colchester, Vermont all and singular the premises described in said mortgage:

To Wit:
BEING LOT 50 SITUATED ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF WAYBURY ROAD, LAUREL HILL NORTH, AS SHOWN ON A PLAN DATED JULY 1967 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12 AT PAGE 22 OF THE COLCHESTER TOWN LAND RECORDS AND FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEING ALL AND THE SAME LAND AND PREMISES CONVEYED TO LEONARD M. PATTISON AND LINDA M. PATTISON BY WARRANTY DEED OF JOHN S. GRUBB AND MARY ELLEN GRUBB DATED JULY 5, 1968 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 47, PAGES 134-135, OF THE TOWN OF COLCHESTER LAND RECORDS. SAID LOT IS SUBJECT TO AND HAS THE BENEFIT OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AND AGREEMENT RECORDED IN BOOK 16, MISCELLANEOUS, PAGE 191, AS AMENDED IN BOOK 21 MISCELLANEOUS, PAGE 111 AS AMENDED IN BOOK 21, MISCELLANEOUS, PAGE 10 OF SAID LAND RECORDS.

Terms of Sale: $10,000.00 to be paid in cash by purchaser at the time of sale, with the balance due at closing. Proof of financing for the balance of the purchase to be provided at the time of sale. The sale is subject to taxes due and owing to the Town of Colchester.

Other terms to be announced at the sale or inquire at Lobe & Fortin, 30 Kimball Ave., Ste. 306, South Burlington, VT 05403, 802 660-9000.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee

By: Joshua R. Lobe, Esq.
Lobe & Fortin, PLC
30 Kimball Ave., Ste. 306
South Burlington, VT 05403

STATE OF VERMONT
CHITTENDEN COUNTY, SS.
CHITTENDEN SUPERIOR COURT
DOCKET NO. S1078-07 CnC

Aurora Loan Services, LLC, Plaintiff
v.
Dennis L. Blodgett, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Magnus Financial Corporation And Occupants residing at 97 Holbrook Road, South Burlington, Vermont, Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Magnus Financial Corporation to Dennis L. Blodgett dated December 19, 2007 and recorded in Volume 223, Page 311 of the Land Records of the Town of South Burlington, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:30 P.M. on September 5, 2008, at 97 Holbrook Road, South Burlington, Vermont all and singular the premises described in said mortgage:

To Wit:
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Dennis L. Blodgett by Warranty Deed of Donald A. Kendig, Jr. and Earl J. [illegible] dated August 18, 2003 of record in Volume 634 at Page 532 of the City of South Burlington Land Records.

Terms of Sale: $10,000.00 to be paid in cash by purchaser at the time of sale, with the balance due at closing. Proof of financing for the balance of the purchase to be provided at the time of sale. The sale is subject to taxes due and owing to the Town of South Burlington.

Other terms to be announced at the sale or inquire at Lobe & Fortin, 30 Kimball Ave., Ste. 306, South Burlington, VT 05403, 802 660-9000.

Aurora Loan Services, LLC

By: Joshua R. Lobe, Esq.
Lobe & Fortin, PLC
30 Kimball Ave., Ste. 306
South Burlington, VT 05403

STATE OF VERMONT
CHITTENDEN COUNTY, SS.
CHITTENDEN SUPERIOR COURT
DOCKET NO. S0 444-08 CnC

Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee,
Plaintiff
v.
Brenda Provost, Dale Provost, and Any Other Occupants of 13 Hilltop Court, Colchester, Vermont, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage Deed dated March 16, 2006, from Brenda Provost and Dale V. Provost to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Accredited Home Lenders, Inc. Said Mortgage Deed was recorded on March 20, 2006 in Volume 553, Page 235-231 of the Town of Colchester Land Records. The subject Promissory Note and Mortgage were assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Accredited Home Lenders, Inc. to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas formerly known as Bankers Trust Company, as Trustee for DDS 2006-HE2 by Saxon Mortgage Services Inc. f/k/a Meritech Mortgage Services, Inc., as its attorney in fact, by an Assignment dated April 11, 2007 and recorded on April 13, 2007 in Volume 593, Page 219-220, of the Town of Colchester Land Records.

The undersigned represents the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same which will be sold at Public Auction at 8:30 o'clock AM, on the 9th day of September, A.D. 2008, at the subject premises of 13 Hilltop Court, Colchester Vermont, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage will be sale as a whole.

To wit:
Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to the Mortgagors herein by Warranty Deed of M. Elena Garcia and John T. Kushmaul dated March 16, 2006 and recorded in Volume ______, Page ____ of the Town of Colchester Land Records, and being more particularly described as follows: "A lot of land with dwelling house thereon located on the southerly side of Canyon Road, and being all of Lot NO. 85 as depicted on a plan prepared by Emerson, Abbott, Marlow and Leedy, Inc., dated September 19, 1966, as revised November 2, 1966, and further revised December 21, 1966, and being Sheet One (1) of Nine (9) Sheets entitled 'Canyon Estates II' and recorded in Volume 20, Page 85 of the Colchester Land Records, and now recorded at Slide 117 of said Land Records. "The dwelling thereon is commonly known and designated as 13 Hilltop Court, Colchester, Vermont."

Terms of Sale:
Purchaser at the sale shall pay cash or certified funds, or produce a commitment letter from a bank or mortgage company or other lender licensed to do business in the State of Vermont at the time of the sale for the amount of the winning bid. In any case the winning bidder shall be required to produce $10,000.00 (Ten-thousand Dollars) cash or certified funds at the close of auction as the deposit against the sale. The sale will be subject to the Confirmation Order of the Chittenden Superior Court. In the event the auction terms are confirmed by the Superior Court aforesaid and the winning bidder is unwilling to consummate the sale, the deposit must be forfeit. In the event the sale is not confirmed the deposit will be returned without interest.

The Mortgagor is entitled to redeem the premises at any time prior to the sale by paying the full amount due under the mortgage, including the costs and expenses of the sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale or inquire at Grant C. Rees, Attorney, PO Box 108, Milton, Vermont 05468, 802-893-7400.

By: /s/ Grant C. Rees, Esq.
Mortgagee or Mortgagee's Attorney

Publication Dates:
August 13, 2008
August 20, 2008
August 27, 2008

STATE OF VERMONT
DISTRICT OF CHITTENDEN
PROBATE COURT
DOCKET NO. 32433

IN RE THE ESTATE OF
Nancy H. Martin
LATE OF SHELBURNE, VT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
to the creditors of the estate of Nancy H. Martin Late of Shelburne

We have been appointed as personal representatives of the above named estate. All creditors having claims against the estate must present their claims in writing within four months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to us at the address listed below with a copy filed with the register of the Probate Court. The claim will be forever barred if it is not presented as described within the four month deadline.

Dated: August 4, 2008
Signed: Bank of America, NA
Address: 225 Franklin Street, 3rd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Signed: John V. Mamie
Address: 1326 Glendale Road
Baltimore, MD 21239

Name of Publication:
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Mental Health & Substance Abuse

SUBSTANCE ABUSE OUTREACH WORKER

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT OUTREACH CLINICIAN

To start as soon as possible! We are reopening our search for a full-time case manager to work in a unique program providing intensive services to break the cycle of homelessness for persons with mental illness. This position works as part of an interagency team with the Community Health Center. Direct experience serving persons with a major mental illness is highly desirable. This position works on the streets, in clients' homes as well as in the Safe Harbor Office. Bachelor's degree required, driver's license and reliable vehicle a must. We will be filling this position as soon as we find the appropriate candidate!

SENIOR CLINICIAN–CHITTENDEN CENTER

Supervisory clinician needed for the Methadone clinic to work with a diverse group of patients receiving methadone maintenance treatment. Major accountabilities to include providing clinical supervision to clinicians and clinical services to patients who are receiving methadone maintenance therapy and developing and reviewing individualized treatment plans, and providing back-up for the Associate Director in her/his absence or when needed. Must possess a Master's degree in counseling/social work with a minimum of 5 years experience. Licensure in mental health and experience in substance abuse preferred.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT CLINICIAN

Two full time positions available to support persons with psychiatric disabilities in Chittenden County. Work as part of a multidisciplinary team providing creative problem solving, advocacy, resource development, case management, counseling and crisis support. Direct services to clients, families and the community. Bachelor's or Master's degree in human services field and experience with persons with serious and persistent mental disorders preferred.

OFFENDER RE-ENTRY OUTPATIENT CLINICIAN

Looking for an energetic team player with experience working with the offender population. Important that this person be comfortable working with multiple systems. This clinician will provide a range of treatment services for offenders with co-occurring disorders returning to the community from incarceration. This offender population will be on conditional re-entry status with the Department of Corrections. This position requires clinical skills sufficient to provide screenings, assessments, treatment planning, individual/family/group counseling and clinical case management. This position also requires the ability to represent the Agency and the Re-Entry Program to community providers and support services involved with offenders. Master's degree in human service field required and license/certification preferred.

Child, Youth and Family Services

FAMILY WORKER–INCLUSION

We are seeking a family clinician to join an innovative team supporting the successful inclusion of students into public education. The position has opportunities to provide family counseling, case management, psycho-education and home-school coordination. The ideal candidate will possess strong assessment, diagnostic and crisis intervention skills. The ability to work collaboratively with mental health and educational teams is essential. The desire to provide training to direct-care staff on a variety of mental health and treatment topics is a plus. This position is full-time and requires candidates to possess a Master's degree in psychology, social work or other human service field. Some evening hours required. Submit cover letter and resume.

Developmental Services

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Direct Service positions available for compassionate, creative, dedicated women to provide *AWAKE* overnight coverage in two separate positions in the South Burlington & Shelburne areas. Exciting opportunity to become members of remarkable teams that support an 8 year-old boy & 18 year old girl both with developmental disabilities. Ideal candidates have knowledge of and experience with developmental disabilities and personal care, but we will train the right people. Two (2) benefits-eligible 30hr/wk positions earning $13.08 per hour, plus shift differential will apply. Great job for students!

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INFANT & TODDLER CHILDCARE POSITIONS

Seeking a Childcare Director and a Childcare Worker to join our Learning Together Team working with children aged from birth through age 3, in our childcare program. The ideal candidates will have experience in family-centered support, early childhood development and parenting education. Applicants should also be comfortable working with teens and young adults from diverse backgrounds and have working knowledge of the Child and Adult Care Food Program as well as State Childcare Licensing Regulations. Both positions offer competitive pay and benefits.

To be considered for the 40-hour-per-week position of Childcare Director, candidates should possess an Associate's degree in early childhood education, a CDA, or the equivalent, as well as experience with infants and toddlers, however a Bachelor's degree in early childhood education is preferred.

To be considered for the 35-hour-per-week position of Childcare Worker, the ideal candidate will possess a high school diploma or equivalent, as well as experience with infants and toddlers.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST

This position is an exciting opportunity to work with a dynamic team, providing advocacy and support to transition-aged adolescents experiencing a severe emotional or behavioral disturbance. This position provides independent living skills, employment and post secondary opportunities to youth. The right candidate will possess a working knowledge of community resources, enjoy working with youth and have a Bachelor's degree in psychology or similar study. There is an on-call component to this position. Experience with youth preferred. Must have knowledge of mental health consumer rights and issues, valid driver's license and able to pass background checks. Will work throughout Franklin and Grand Isle counties. This is a full-time salaried position with benefits.

EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST

The Supported Employment Team is seeking a self-motivated, energetic person to provide supported employment services to individuals with severe & persistent mental illness. Responsibilities include counseling, vocational assessment, job development, placement & support. Applicant must have passion for the business field & the willingness to network with employers in the community. Strong organizational & communication skills & the ability to work as a member of a team are required. Experience in the human services field is a plus. Bachelor's degree preferred, however an Associate's degree and/or relevant experience will be considered.

OUTPATIENT THERAPIST

Interested in being part of a group that includes a supportive team of therapists, coverage of your after hours emergencies, and efficient billing staff? We are currently seeking a full-time licensed therapist. The ideal candidate will be a generalist with a MSW/LICSW (other licensure considered), experience treating children, adolescents, adults and families. Experience with substance abuse, DBT and group treatment desirable. This full-time fee-for service position has an excellent benefits package. Some evening hours required. Clinic located close to Interstate & is a short commute from Burlington & surrounding areas.

LIVE-IN HOME CARE PROVIDER

Caring individual needed to provide live-in home care support to a female who experiences a disability. Includes own room in a Franklin County apartment. Live rent free in exchange for light housekeeping tasks. Ideal candidate should be: female, mature, compassionate, responsible, able to work in a team environment, and must like pets. Training and support available to promote successful experience. Unique opportunity for a graduate student or someone in human services field seeking supervision toward licensure. Must be available during late afternoon and evening hours, have a vehicle, clean driving record and pass background checks.

LEARNING TOGETHER PROGRAM TEAM LEADER

Seeking a dynamic Team Leader to join our Family Center Management Team and oversee our Learning Together Program. The Learning Together Program is an alternative education & support program serving pregnant and parenting teens and young adults. The ideal candidate will possess strong managerial skills, be highly organized, self motivated, and have experience writing grants and reports. Knowledge of adolescent development and Vermont's Medicaid system preferred. Master's degree in a human services field preferred, consideration will be given to individuals with a Bachelor's degree and experience. Preference will be given to those with prior managerial experience. Occasional evening hours and rare weekend hours required. If you enjoy the challenges and rewards of managing a program, working directly with young people, and functioning as part of an innovative and dynamic management team, this is the opportunity you've been looking for.

SERVICES COORDINATOR - CHILDREN

Seeking energetic person to provide case management services to children with developmental disabilities in Franklin & Grand Isle counties. Responsible for coordinating individual service plans through a client centered approach, and facilitating the communication and arrangements necessary for high-quality consumer satisfaction. A Bachelor's degree in a related human services field and experience working with children on the Autism spectrum, as well as other developmental disabilities, such as Down Syndrome, a must. Personal car necessary for travel.

SERVICES COORDINATOR - ADULTS

Seeking energetic person to provide case management services to adults with developmental disabilities in Franklin & Grand Isle counties. Responsible for coordinating individual service plans through a client centered approach, and facilitating the communication and arrangements necessary for high-quality consumer satisfaction. A Bachelor's degree in a related human services field and 1 year of experience are minimum requirements. Personal car necessary for travel.

HR Dept., 107 Fisher Pond Road, St. Albans, VT 05478. EOE

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- Monthly financial statements
- Sub Ledger reconciliation
- Job Cost accounting
- Project reporting
- Sales Reporting

2. Management of accounting functions
- Payroll
- Accounts Payable and Receivable
- Cash management – Bank reconciliations, cash requirements
- Insurance

3. Purchasing
- Vendor relations
- Project procurement

4. Annual
- Income Tax Files
- Financial Audit
- Accounts Payable and Receivable
- Cash management
- Bank reconciliations, cash requirements

5. Purchasing
- Vendor relations
- Project procurement

Requirements:

5-8 years accounting/finance experience required. Quickbooks experience a plus. Strong interpersonal skills with the ability to interact with all levels of the organization.

Education

- Bachelor's degree in Finance, Accounting or related discipline
- MBA or CPA preferred

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Our exquisite Cafe LaBrioche on Main Street in Montpelier is currently looking for part time dishwashers and servers. Candidates must be friendly, hardworking, motivated, team-oriented and passionate about coffee and pastries. We are open Sun. Sat. 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Applicants must have a flexible schedule and be available for year round employment.

Servers, Bussers and Hosts

New England Culinary Institute is looking to fill positions at our restaurant in Montpelier: The Main Street Bar and Grill. Must have a flexible schedule. Full-time, part time, AM and PM shifts available. Become eligible for benefits after 4 months. No experience necessary, will train the right candidates.

Servers and Hosts

Join our team at our Inn at Essex location as a Server or Host. New England Culinary Institute is currently looking for:
1 Full time and 1 part-time Host for our PM Tavern.
2 Full-time Servers for our PM Tavern
2 Full-time Servers for our AM Tavern
1 Full-time Host for Butler's, our restaurant at the Inn.
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Administrative Assistant of Academics

New England Culinary Institute is seeking an Administrative Assistant of Academics. This position is the primary technical and administrative support staff for the Office of the Registrar, Dean of Academics and other offices within the department. Position is responsible for coordinating academic scheduling, coordinating data with academic departments and processing electronic documents. Assistant will maintain master lists of courses, instructors, rooms and buildings, as well as create class schedules each term for each academic program, post information on the student information system, and facilitate registration of students. Candidate must have experience in Microsoft Word, Excel and Access, as well as be familiar with student information systems and databases, student records and electronic document formats and archival. Position requires a Bachelor's degree plus 2-4 years related experience.

Please send resume and letter of interest to ***greatjobs@neci.edu***

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Mail resume to: Marketing Assistant, DuBois & King, Inc., PO Box 339, Randolph, VT 05060. Email resume to: info@dubois-king.com

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Safety Programs Coordinator – Physical Plant – #032424 – Assist in design, implementation and maintenance of comprehensive training and safety program for Physical Plant Department in compliance with applicable federal, state and local regulations. Bachelor's Degree and three years related experience working with federal, state and local regulations and familiarity with (V)OSHA compliance hazardous materials/environmental regulations required, or an equivalent combination. Valid Vermont Driver's License and drivers check required. Ability to obtain Indoor Environmentalist Certification within 12 months required. Smokers will not be considered due to research that indicates a high medical risk when working with asbestos. Commitment to diversity and inclusion required. Only applicants with thoroughly completed on-line applications will be considered.

Financial Assistant – Custodial Services – #032457 – Perform support for business, accounting and human resources functions for Custodial Services. Process financial transactions to include maintain, input, and track financial data. Process and review transactions for accuracy, verify information and resolve discrepancies, track expenses, process reimbursements, and process purchase orders using the University's financial system. Communicate with vendors to resolve problems. Assist to formulate preliminary budget data and facilitate budget reviews. Work with confidential information. Associate degree and 1-3 years business/accounting experience required, or an equivalent combination. Knowledge of and experience with spreadsheet and word processing applications and ability to learn other computer database applications such as PeopleSoft and other financial computer systems required. Effective organizational and communication skills required. Ability to work independently required. Demonstrated commitment to diversity, social justice and working in a collaborative multicultural environment required. Commitment to diversity and inclusion required. Familiarity with work order system, FAMIS, Kronos preferred. Application deadline August 22, 2008.

Registered Nurse (RN) and Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) – Center for Health and Wellbeing – Per Diem – The University of Vermont Center for Health and Wellbeing is looking for a skilled RN or LPN to work in our Student Health Primary Care Office for weekend coverage. In this role, you will work as part of a strong, diverse team providing care for students at the University. Duties include patient intake, immunization and EKG and other tasks associated with maintaining efficient patient flow in a busy outpatient office. You will work with a wonderful University-age group of patients and be part of a collegial staff that prides itself on providing outstanding care. We are looking for people with excellent clinical and interpersonal skills who are able to work effectively with individuals from widely diverse backgrounds. Weekend Clinic hours are 9:00am to 1:00pm. Per diem employment does not include UVM benefits. Please inquire by sending a letter of interest and a CV to Cora Wilson, CHWB Administration Office, 475 Pearl Street, Burlington, VT 05405.

Information Technology Assistant/Media Technician – COM Office of the Dean – #032453 – Provide computer technical support and AV support for College of Medicine users. Provide application, hardware and AV support, with some system administration for faculty, staff and students. Communicate in person, by telephone and electronically to troubleshoot and solve user problems. On-site troubleshooting and problem solving are significant. Interact with University and Fletcher Allen Health Care departments. Bachelor's degree in technology related field and two to three years related or specialized experience required, or an equivalent combination. Knowledgeable on the Windows platform including WXP and Vista required. Basic networking knowledge and understanding of a client/server network. Knowledgeable on projection units, cameras and video conferencing equipment required. Commitment to diversity and inclusion required.

Temporary Cash Register Operators – UVM Bookstore – Assistance needed with the start of classes at the UVM Bookstore. Prior retail experience desirable. Start date the week of August 25 through the week of September 8. $8.50/hour. Some weekend/evening/holiday hours required. Call for an interview: 802-656-8707. No walk-ins please. These positions are temporary and not eligible for University benefits.

For further information on these positions and others currently available, or to apply on-line, please visit our website at: **www.uvmjobs.com; Job Hotline #802-656-2248; telephone #802-656-3494. Applicants must apply for positions electronically. Paper resumes are not accepted.** *Job positions are updated daily.*

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Children's Outpatient Clinician

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Keystone Behavior Interventionist

Full-time position for male individual to provide 1:1 therapeutic intervention for a school-aged child with emotional/behavioral disorders in school and community settings. Qualified individuals must have behavior management skills, be flexible, patient and able to work as an effective member of a team. Must have the ability to provide comprehensive and therapeutic services for elementary and/or high school-aged children with emotional/behavioral disorders. A minimum of one year related experience is required.

School-Based Clinical Coordinator

Our Children, Youth & Family Services program is currently seeking an individual to be responsible for the supervision of several school-based clinicians providing clinical services in area public and alternative schools. Individual would be responsible for providing daily support and act as a liaison between the CYFS program and key school personnel to ensure linkage to services and good communication flow. Master's degree in psychology, social work, counseling or related field and at least five years' post-Master's clinical supervision experience required.

School-Based Clinician

Individual needed part-time (10 hours a week) to provide a range of clinical services within a local school system. Specific duties for the position are determined in collaboration with the school and agency but may include therapy, specialized rehabilitation and case management. Documentation for all services is required within specific time frames. Attendance at staff, treatment team and school meetings also required. Master's degree in related field with at least one year experience providing outpatient or inpatient mental health services to children and adolescents required.

We offer a comprehensive benefits package that includes three weeks' vacation, sick and personal leave, health and dental insurance benefits and a 401(K) savings plan, plus more for all eligible employees.

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Community Rehabilitation and Treatment Substitute Support Worker: Seeking candidates to provide outreach support services to adults coping with the impact of mental illness. Qualities sought include excellent communication skills, an ability to treat consumers with patience, insight and compassion, and an ability to work well in a team environment. Bachelor's degree in human services field or equivalent. Must have own transportation. Some night and weekend availability a plus.

Family Advocate Project Clinician: Full-time position working with children and families. Master's level social work or counseling or M.A. with four years relevant experience. Skills in family counseling, crisis intervention and community collaboration. Flexible schedule, car and ability to travel necessary.

Individual Residential and Community Support Worker: support staff needed to help provide 24/7 supports to individual in Addison County (CSAC's CRT Program). Seeking applicants with good communication skills and an interest in learning how to provide supports for people coping with mental illness. Associate's Degree and experience working with the mentally ill. Contracted position with flexible hours, with possibility of fulltime/benefits in the fall.

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Women, minorities and persons with disabilities are highly encouraged to apply. EOE

After-School Program Counselor

City of Burlington, Parks and Recreation Dept.

The City Kids After-School Program is currently hiring counselors for the 2008 school season.
Hours are from 2:00pm-5:30pm, Monday-Friday.
Applications are available at the Parks and Recreation Department located at 645 Pine St. or on the web at:
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Women, minorities, and persons with disabilities are highly encouraged to apply. EOE.

Orange North Supervisory Union 2008-2009 School Year

English Language Learner Teacher
ELL Teacher needed part time to consult, assess and instruct
Hours are dependent upon need
Phone inquiries welcome at 802-433-5818.
Please forward letter of interest and resume to:
ELL Teacher
Attention: **Karen Woolsey, Director of Special Services**
(Address Below)

Williamstown Middle High School
SOCCER COACHES NEEDED
- High School Boys Varsity Coach
- Middle School Boys Coach

Williamstown Elementary School
Grade 1 Teacher 1.0 FTE
Grade 1/2 Loop, Responsive Classroom I Training Required
Special Education Paraprofessional for grades K-3
Physical requirements include the flexibility to work with active students in multiple settings
Associate's degree or equivalent required.

Substitute Teachers and Nurses Needed for
Orange, Washington & Williamstown Schools
Call Robin at **802-433-5818** for an application packet.

Forward cover letter specifying position applied for, resume, 3 letters of reference, transcripts and/or related documentation/certifications to:
Orange North Supervisory Union
1118 Brush Hill Road
Williamstown, VT 05678

Positions remain open until filled. EOE

Come build your future at Middlebury College!

Career Services positions available!

Middlebury's Career Services Office is where students and alumni receive world-class career counseling and recruiting services. We are seeking important new members to join our work family. If you are seeking a rewarding career move, then we encourage you to apply for one of the following job opportunities.

Employer Relations Coordinator, full-time

Runs the full administrative interface between employers and Middlebury students seeking jobs and internships. Administers and supports the day-to-day on- and off-campus recruiting logistics for undergraduates and the Summer Language School program. The central role of this position is in overseeing, troubleshooting and inputting data into our electronic recruiting system.

We seek: a proactive, well-organized individual with excellent communication, administrative and computer skills who is able to speak with high level alumni and professionals.

Required: Bachelor's degree plus 2–3 years administrative experience.

Internship Programs Coordinator, full-time

Coordinates the implementation and development of Career Services' internship programs. This coordination requires significant ongoing communication with employers, alumni, parents and students, including the development of targeted approaches to students and solicitations to alumni/parents with the goal of expanding student participation and alumni offerings.

We seek: a well-organized individual with strong customer-service orientation and professional demeanor who has excellent writing skills and English mastery, including ability to write and graphically design newsletters and other communications. The ideal candidate must have excellent computer skills (PC) and familiarity with Microsoft Office.

Required: College degree or equivalent experience in undergraduate career programs preferred.

Why work for us? Middlebury College is a nationally recognized liberal arts institution. Our employees enjoy a high quality of life with excellent compensation, competitive health, dental, life, disability, retirement, and tuition benefits, and educational assistance programs. As the 10th largest employer in Vermont and an institution with operations on five continents, Middlebury's workforce is one of its most valuable assets. Thus the college is firmly committed to the success and development of its employees.

Interested, to apply online via our website, please visit:
http://go.middlebury.edu/jobs
Please call Human Resources at **(802) 443-5465** for assistance.

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For further information call Rene at
802 658 6460 or **802 223 6914**
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Senior Development Officer

VYCC

The VYCC is seeking an experienced professional to join our winning development team! The Senior Development Officer will report to the Director of Development and Communications and will concentrate on major donor cultivation and solicitation, foundation and corporate grants, coordination of our annual Denim & Diamonds event and provide leadership for an upcoming campaign.

The ideal candidate will have:

- A college degree
- 3-5 years of fundraising experience
- Event management experience
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Exceptional organizational abilities, enthusiasm and commitment to the VYCC mission

A full job description is available online at
www.vycc.org

To apply please send a cover letter, resume and three references to **kate@vycc.org**
by August 31 2008

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seeks qualified applicants for the following positions (including benefits)

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18 hours/week year round

SEASONAL PROTECTION SERVICES OFFICERS
through October 28

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www.shelburnemuseum.org
802 985-3348 x 3307

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Williston, VT

We are currently looking for an individual with the above characteristics to work 25-30 hours/week, some weekends required. Must be hardworking with a pleasant personality. Food service would be nice, but not required.

Please email resume to
vtbagels@comcast.net
or pick up an application at **Bagels Plus, Taft Corners Shopping Center, Williston.** *EOE*
Behind 99 Restaurant

Wellness Program Advocate

Make a difference promoting healthy workplaces. Energetic person to do presentations for groups promoting the use of their wellness program. Articulate, enthusiastic self starter able to work independently under the direction of regional coordinator. Good communication and presentation skills required. Travel within several Vermont counties. Hourly contract arrangement 5-20 hours/week, flexible. Reliable transportation.

Respond to **vtwellness@gmail.com** or
P.O. Box 5091
Burlington, VT 05401

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Book Preservation

Chittenden County firm seeks detail-oriented individuals to assist in the preservation and restoration of old books. Hand/eye coordination, attention to detail, patience required. 3 month position. Mon-Fri schedule. $11.00/hour.

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michelle@sevendaysvt.com
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Lund Family Center

Exciting employment opportunities available at established agency with history of supporting strong, healthy families in an environment of teamwork, creativity and innovation. Lund Family Center is seeking motivated, flexible and dynamic individuals with a passion for working with children and families for the following positions with competitive salary and benefits.
EOE/EE/AA

Substance Abuse Program Coordinator: Full-time position to oversee programming and provide clinical supervision to the outpatient treatment program for pregnant and parenting young women. Minimum of Master's degree in a social work, counseling, or human services related field and Current Vermont Licensure in substance abuse treatment and experience working with women. Supervisory experience preferred. Competitive salary and benefits.

Substance Abuse Counselor: Several full-time positions available. Needed to conduct comprehensive substance abuse assessment, treatment referral and coordination, and counseling within an outpatient program for pregnant and parenting women or co-located at the child welfare office to bridge agencies in an effort to provide immediate holistic, family-centered services and increase the collaborative capability of the community to respond to substance abuse within family systems. Minimum of Bachelor's degree in a social work, counseling, or human services related field and substance abuse counselor certification or apprentice substance abuse counselor certificate. Experience working with families required.

Clinician: Clinician needed to work with young pregnant and parenting women with mental health and substance abuse disorders in Residential and Outpatient Treatment program settings. Candidates will work on a team with multidisciplinary professionals and participate in enriching professional development. Minimum of Master's degree in human services related or counseling field. CADC and experience working with women preferred.

Please send cover letter and resume to
Jamie Tourangeau, Human Resources
PO Box 4009, Burlington, VT 05406-4009.
Fax. 802 861-6460
No phone calls, please

The Orton Family Foundation
Associate, Communications

The Orton Family Foundation seeks a full time Associate for its Communications team. The Foundation promotes civic engagement and works to transform the land use planning system with projects throughout the Northeast and Rocky Mountain West. The Communications Associate will work closely with Foundation staff to shape and strengthen the Foundation's voice and coordinate its message, with particular responsibility for the Foundation's website and other web-based communications tools.

The ideal candidate will have, a maximum of 3-5 years experience in media (editorial, publicity, marketing), a college degree, the knowledge and desire to serve as webmaster for a dynamic interactive website, extensive web content management experience, strong research, reporting and writing skills, strong publicity and marketing experience, listening qualities and interdisciplinary thinking, fluency in blogs, online video and audio, and other electronic media, a knowledge of Microsoft tools. A detailed job description can be found at **www.orton.org**

The position is salaried with full benefits and will be based at the Foundation's Middlebury, Vermont, office with some travel required.

Please send cover letter and resume to
Communications Associate Search
The Orton Family Foundation
P.O. Box 111
Middlebury, Vermont 05753
or email to **communications@orton.org**
The position is open until filled

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Nationwide and local logistics company seeks a 2nd shift person who demonstrates a positive attitude and the ability to prioritize duties. Basic PC skills required. Competitive wage and benefits for the right reliable person.

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444 Shunpike Road
Williston, VT 05495
Facsimile: 802-865-1106
email: abbott@vermontcourier.com
No phone calls please

Always looking for reliable owner/ operators throughout Vermont and surrounding areas.

Legal Advocate

Provide comprehensive advocacy to victims of domestic violence. Weekend & on-call hours required. Legal &/or social service experience desired. FT w/generous benefit pkg. Criminal background checks conducted. Minorities, GLBTQQ & Survivors of Domestic Violence encouraged to apply. Send resume and cover letter by August [illegible] to:

WHBW
Attn: Hiring Committee
PO Box 1535
Burlington, VT 05402 **EOE**

Cat lover wanted
for part-time cleaning position at veterinary hospital. Hours will vary, may include some weekends.
Call 802-860-CATS.

Get paid every time the phone rings! Call Sean, 603-759-0801.

Line/Pub Cook

Immediate opening for an experienced Line/Pub cook who works well under pressure. 2+ years of experience with the ability to work a flexible schedule. Benefits include: medical/dental, paid time off, life insurance, discounted meals & gift certificates, use of hotel amenities.

Windjammer Restaurant
1076 Williston Rd.
South Burlington VT 05403
selena@windjammergroup.com
www.windjammerrestaurant.com

Assistant to the Director

We are looking for an organized, detail-oriented, dependable person who has excellent math skills, is a self starter and works well independently. Someone who is knowledgeable about natural resources and works well with everyone, from dairy farmers to volunteers. We would prefer someone who has a successful track record in maintaining current data systems and is proficient in Microsoft Office, Quick-Books, Access and Excel. The Winooski Valley Park District is a busy, small nonprofit that manages 16 public natural areas. Salary $29,000.

For a job description, email [illegible]@WVPD.org
Please fax your resume and cover letter to 802-865-0647
or email us.

Animal Lover?

Join Pet Food Warehouse's legendary customer service team as a full time Retail Sales Associate. No experience necessary. Will train ideal candidate. Competitive wages and benefits. Stop by PFW to fill out an application.

2500 Williston Road,
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ADDISON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

Early Education Program Anticipated Opening

The Addison Central Supervisory Union Early Education Program is anticipating a need for an individual aide to work with students with special needs in the program. We are seeking enthusiastic, committed individuals to begin work this summer and continue through the 08-09 school year. Training and supervision will be provided. Experience working in an early childhood environment preferred.

Apply by sending a letter of interest, resume and three current reference letters to:

Wm. Lee Sease, Superintendent
Addison Central Supervisory Union
49 Charles Avenue
Middlebury VT 05753

E.O.E. Position open until filled.

Join VBT BICYCLING VACATIONS and be part of our team, the leader in deluxe bicycling vacations for 38 years. We offer a great working environment for individuals with positive energy and a passion for impacting people's lives.

Telephone Sales Associates

This position is responsible for converting incoming and outgoing calls into reservations for our worldwide deluxe bicycling vacations and maintaining confirmed reservations. The perfect candidate has an enthusiasm for travel and a desire to learn about history, wine and unique discovery opportunities in our 31 tour locations.

This position requires solid computer and typing skills, an inviting personality, strong written and oral communication skills and attention to detail. Past sales experience is a plus.

Online Marketing Coordinator

This position is responsible for maintenance of website content and the execution of web and email production schedules. You will also provide support for strategic marketing initiatives relating to the Internet, including PPC, SEO and Google analytics programs.

This position requires solid Internet design and marketing skills, an inviting personality, strong written and oral communication skills, a results driven attitude, and close attention to detail. Familiarity with Web 2.0 applications, Dreamweaver, Photoshop, HTML, JavaScript, PPC and SEO preferred.

VBT offers a highly competitive salary and benefits package including health, dental and life insurance, 401(k), a cafeteria plan
and a generous vacation schedule.

Please send a cover letter and resume to:
VBT, Attn: Caroline Jalbert
614 Monkton Road
Bristol, VT 05443
Email: cjalbert@vbt.com
No phone calls, please

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Caring for elders and people with disabilities is a rewarding career where you can make a difference in someone's life, each and every day.

Some people are surprised at how much fun being a caregiver can be, too!

For information about career opportunities as a caregiver, call **802-861-3541** or e-mail **facesofcaregiving@gmail.com.**

Faces of Caregiving

A collaborative project of: Catherine Square Corporation, The Converse Home, and the VNA of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties. EOE
Sponsored by: COVE and PHI
Funded by: The John Merck Fund

www.facesofcaregiving.org

jobs

ARE YOU A FORWARD THINKER AND A STRATEGIC PLANNER?

RunVermont is looking for an energetic leader to take our nonprofit organization in Burlington, Vermont to the next level. This individual will have demonstrated organizational ability to successfully plan, coordinate and manage events and programs, including the Key Bank Vermont City Marathon, the city's largest annual event. You will be responsible for overseeing office operations, managing event directors and other personnel. Responsible for seeking, securing, reviewing and managing sponsorship contracts totaling more than $200,000 annually. If you have these skills, excel at communication and are committed to the promotion of the athletic spirit, this could be a perfect match.

The successful candidate will have five years experience in sport or event management and experience in negotiating strategic sponsorship and/or marketing partnerships. Experience working with a Board of Directors is integral to the role. Must be personable and diplomatic and have a desire to work closely with the community.

More information is available at **www.runvermont.org**. To apply for this position, please email a cover letter and resume to Cindy Deloney, RunVermont Board Chair, **boardchair@runvermont.org** by September 1, 2008. No phone calls, please. You will receive notification that your materials were received. Interviews will begin in mid-September. The anticipated start date for this position is January 1, 2009.

RunVermont

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center
Leahy Center for Lake Champlain
Burlington, Vermont

Located on the historic and beautiful waterfront in Burlington, Vermont, ECHO seeks a dynamic and effective development professional to lead the Center's fundraising activities. After five successful years of exceeding audience and impact goals, ECHO is poised to launch a major strategic initiative requiring significant new resources and expanded community relationships.

The Director of Development will work closely with the Executive Director and one of the region's most effective Board of Trustees, and provide leadership in defining and communicating ECHO's environmental stewardship "cause" to donors and the public at large. Position requirements include a Bachelor's degree with a minimum of six years development and fundraising experience.

To apply email a cover letter, resume and salary requirements to
jobs@echovermont.org
with Director of Development
in the subject field, or mail to
ECHO Director of Development Job Search,
One College St.
Burlington, VT 05401
For a detailed job description, visit our website at
www.echovermont.org
The deadline for applications is August 29, 2008. EOE

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BREWING MAGIC HAT COMPANY

Magic Hat Brewing Co. is a brewer of world-class beers and a continually evolving brand of distinction.

WANTED: STAFF DESIGNER

Looking for in house graphic designer to join our creative design team. This position is to help design all collateral that supports the Magic Hat and Pyramid Breweries brand. We are looking for a talented designer with solid production skills who is good at taking direction with thorough and precise attention to detail. The ideal candidate must enjoy working in a fast-paced, hard-working, challenging and cooperative environment.
Associate's or Bachelor's degree. Over 1 year (up to and including 2 years) experience in Graphic Design or Multi-Media, or 2 years of professional design/web experience. Must be proficient in industry standard graphic tools Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop. Flash, HTML, and Dreamweaver are a plus.

SEND RESUME AND COVER LETTER TO:
Human Resources/ Jobs
Magic Hat Brewing Company
431 Pine St. Burlington, VT 05401
or email to jobs@magichat.net

To view a full listing of our current openings and learn more about the Magic Hat experience, visit www.magichat.net.

We are an equal opportunity employer and offer competitive pay and a comprehensive benefit package to qualified employees.

Immadiate opening - General Manager

Position for busy, rapidly growing wellness oriented health care office.
Requires strong leader wanting lots of responsibility.
Want more than "just another job"? Been looking for that ideal opportunity that allows you to apply your skills toward a practice that improves the quality of life for the people we serve? Dynamic practice needs your management, marketing and organizational growth skills to assist our current team in achieving long term vision and expansion goals.

Contribute to helping people live healthier, happier lives by applying your skills to:

- Lead and coordinate all strategic planning and new growth opportunities
- Strengthen organizational and operational processes
- Manage the business day to day operations and teams
- Technology, sales, marketing, and financial management
- Drive revenue, expansion, and monetization strategy
- Maintain relationships with community leaders, vendors, staff
- Strong curiosity and devotion to your community and career
- Leadership skills including negotiation, recruiting associate doctors and staff, coaching and mentoring style with staff, multitasking, and independent drive
- BS degree and 7+ years of business management experience

Interested? Don't wait. Strong base salary and incentive package, opportunity for advancement, and a unique work environment. We're looking for a special leader wanting to make a fundamental difference to the growth, sustainability, presence and reputation of our practice.

Please bring, fax or email your resume to:
4076 Shelburne Rd. Bldg A
Shelburne, VT
Fax # 802 985 3711
Resumes@[illegible].com

Applicants will be contacted by August 21st via phone for a personal interview.

To place an employment ad call Michelle Brown 865-1020 x 21
email michelle@sevendaysvt.com

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michelle@sevendaysvt.com

Town Manager
St. Albans, Vermont

The Town of St. Albans, Vermont seeks an engaging, collaborative manager to serve as chief administrative officer. St. Albans (population 7,650) is located in northwest corner of Vermont on the shores of Lake Champlain and has a strong tradition of civic engagement. The town recently voted to utilize the town manager form of government and is seeking its first town manager.

The manager reports to a five member selectboard and is responsible for day-to-day operations of the town. The manager supervises 8 to 10 full-time employees, develops and administers a $2.0 million operating budget, and oversees all personnel, financial, public works, and community relations matters. A detailed job description is available at www.stalbanstown.com under employment opportunities.

Hiring range is $50,000 – $65,000, with an excellent benefits package. A Bachelor's degree is required, Master's in public administration or related field preferred. Previous experience in municipal government with emphasis in public finance is preferred.

To apply, please send a confidential cover letter and resume to:

St. Albans Town Manager Search
c/o VLCT
89 Main Street
Montpelier, VT 05602.

You may also email to gperson@vlct.org
with St. Albans in the subject line.

Resume review will begin August 22.

Market Research Analyst

CABOT

We have a challenging position that will drive our understanding of customer patterns and trends. This position will run reports and draw actionable conclusions based on data for use by the marketing and sales teams and others across the company for sales presentations, authorization requests, and to address business questions. This position will be based at our Administrative Offices in Montpelier, Vermont.

We are seeking an ambitious, incredibly detail-oriented person who loves working with numbers to analyze complex market research data. Must be naturally curious, and a quick thinker. Must be able to meet deadlines, juggle and prioritize multiple projects and work as a team player as well as independently. Must be able to use various software applications to sort and manipulate data for custom needs and pull out the essential points. Must posess W.I.T. (Willingness to do "Whatever It Takes"). Proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite, especially Excel and PowerPoint, is required. Familiarity with market research data such as ACNielsen and Spectra is highly desirable. BS in a quantitative subject such as Math, Statistics, Economics or Business Administration is required.

Cabot offers a competitive starting salary and excellent benefits package. Please send resume and cover letter to:

Human Resources Department
Cabot Creamery
One Home Farm Way
Montpelier, VT 05602
Phone (802) 229-9361 X2181
Fax (802) 563-2173
Email nadams@cabotcheese.com

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM POSITIONS

Mary Johnson Children's Center seeks applicants for 2008-2009 school-year positions in programs throughout Addison County, as follows:

SITE DIRECTORS

To provide hands-on leadership and support in licensed after school programs. Hours: 20-22 hours weekly. Specific educational/experiential requirements.

RECREATIONAL ASSISTANTS

To facilitate daily after school fun in a safe and welcoming environment as a member of a site team. Energy, patience and flexibility required.

- Work with great children and youth 5-12 years old!
- Develop quality programs and invest in young people!
- Competitive rates of pay are offered to qualified and motivated applicants
- 12-15 hours weekly

Send resume and three references (required) to:

MARY JOHNSON CHILDREN'S CENTER
81 Water Street, Middlebury, VT 05753
or e-mail
schoolage@mjccvt.org

Deadline: August 20th.
Positions open until appropriately filled

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Vermont Commissioner of Education

The Vermont State Board of Education is conducting a national search for a Commissioner of Education who is a proven leader with a strong record of working with a board as well as key constituent groups. This individual needs to be a powerful communicator and a dynamic executive who has a bias for educational innovation and the ability to lead the effort to make certain that every child in Vermont receives a quality education.

Vermont statute requires that the Commissioner "shall have had special training and experience in educational work." The Board defines "educational work" in its broadest context. Prospective candidates should submit a resume, a letter of application detailing how the candidate's previous experience has prepared them for this job, and the names of three references. Deadline for applications is October 1, 2008.

Inquiries and applications should be addressed to:
http://www.uvm.edu/~cess/dean/?Page=apply.php

www.vtstatejobs.info
VERMONT

BUSINESS MANAGER
FAIRBANKS MUSEUM AND PLANETARIUM, ST. JOHNSBURY, VT

Full-time exempt position responsible for the management and stewardship of the Museum's tangible assets. The Business Manager serves as the Museum's chief financial officer, performing accounting, bookkeeping, payroll management and grants management; maintains the Museum's financial and business records; provides timely reports, forecasts and analysis for management, Trustees and funders; monitors accounts payable and receivable and conducts cash-flow planning; leads the budget development and monitoring process; reports regularly to members of the management team, the Executive Director, the Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees. The Business Manager also oversees the Museum's risk management program; contracts and purchasing; and facilities management. The successful candidate will possess, at a minimum, a Bachelor's degree in economics, finance, accounting, business or other relevant discipline and will demonstrate successful prior experience, preferably in a museum or not-for-profit business office. Integrity, reliability, excellent organizational skills, a commitment to team work and an understanding of financial management strategy are essential attributes.

To apply, submit letter and resume by email or USPS to:
Charles Browne
1302 Main Street
St. Johnsbury VT 05819
cbrowne@fairbanksmuseum.org
No phone inquiries, please.

jobs

Exciting employment opportunities available
Central Vermont Substance Abuse Services

Central Vermont Substance Abuse Services is a nonprofit organization located in Berlin, VT providing substance abuse services to Central Vermont residents. The range of services provided includes outpatient, intensive outpatient, education, prevention and intervention.

Drug Court Case Manager & Adolescent/Family Clinician

Full time, M.A.-level position (LADC preferred) combining 2 part time positions. 20 hours per week will be working in the court system providing case management services to persons who have been assigned to the Washington County Drug Court Program. 20 hours per week will be providing individual & group-based outpatient counseling primarily to adolescents and families dealing with substance abuse related problems.

Individuals who are interested in being part of a dynamic team are encouraged to apply. Flexibility, dependability, strong communication, organizational skills, and the ability to be a team player are essential. We offer a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package. If interested, please send resume and letter of interest to:

Melissa Turner, HR Coordinator
or to: mturner@claramartin.org
Clara Martin Center
Box G, Randolph, VT 05060
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To place an employment ad call **Michelle Brown** 865-1020 x 21

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Williston, Vermont
802-951-2476

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ADULT LEARNING,

a nonprofit provider of adult education and literacy services, currently has a part time opening at the Middlebury VT Learning Center for a:

MAKING IT WORK COORDINATOR

Individual will coordinate work experience opportunities and support students in gaining work readiness skills.
This is a 20-hour per week position that offers excellent benefits including medical and dental insurance, retirement plan, long term disability and a generous and flexible paid time off schedule.

Please go to **WWW.VTADULTLEARNING.ORG** for more information.
Resume deadline: August 29, 2008. Equal Opportunity Employer

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nefcu.com

New England Federal Credit Union, Vermont's largest Credit Union with 7 branch locations, is a growing organization committed to excellence in price, convenience, service, simplicity, and to sharing success. NEFCU offers a stable, supportive, high-standards work environment, where employees are treated as key stakeholders. Please visit our website, www.nefcu.com, to learn more about the great opportunities and benefits that exist at NEFCU.

Interested in a great-paying part-time job working for a local financial services firm with an excellent reputation for price, service and simplicity?

MEMBER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (PART-TIME)

New England Federal Credit Union needs friendly, motivated people with good communication skills to work in our call center. Our Telebranch Member Service Representatives are able to handle a high volume of calls, manage priorities and meet numerous deadlines, while maintaining and providing a high degree of customer service to our members. Successful candidates will build & strengthen member relationships, maintain knowledge of all NEFCU products & services and serve as a liaison for members. Candidates must be proficient with computers, exhibit a high degree of accuracy, and have prior customer service experience. Hours: *Monday 4-7:00 p.m., Friday 10-6:30 p.m. & Saturday 9-3:00 p.m.* (15 hours/week)

TELLER (PART-TIME)

Opportunity exists for a part-time teller at our Harvest Lane branch. Qualified candidates must project a friendly and personable demeanor, have effective communication skills, be detailed and knowledgeable with computers and be accurate. Cash handling and customer service experience required. Hours: *M-F 11-3:00 p.m.* (20 hours/week)

SATURDAY/SUMMER TELLERS (2)

New England Federal Credit Union is looking for part-time staff who are enthusiastic, friendly, helpful, and reliable to provide exceptional customer service handling basic teller and member service transactions at our branch locations. You will be part of a team and organization committed to excellence and building relationships with our members.

This is a great opportunity for college students or anyone interested in working in a professional work environment while earning some extra money. NEFCU has a need for two part-time Saturday tellers at our Harvest Lane branch. Qualified candidates must project a friendly and personable demeanor, have effective communication skills, be detailed and knowledgeable with computers and be accurate. Cash handling and customer service experience required. Hours: Saturday 8:45-3:15 during the school year; full-time (40 hours) w/Saturday included during the summer months.

If you believe you have the talent and skills to contribute to success at NEFCU and would like to be part of a dynamic team, please forward a brief statement of your interest in the position along with your resume in confidence to:
HR@nefcu.com or by mail to:
NEFCU
Human Resources
P.O. Box 527
Williston, VT 05495-5027
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HEAD MEN'S LACROSSE COACH

Full time, twelve months position reporting to the Director of Athletics. Applicants must have successful lacrosse coaching and playing experience at the collegiate level and demonstrate the ability to organize and implement a collegiate lacrosse program. This position is coupled with an administrative duty that may include directing intramurals. Responsibilities include recruitment and retention of qualified student athletes, practice and game management, organization of fundraising activities in conjunction with the athletic booster club, academic monitoring of student athletes and development of alumni and community relations. Administrative duties as assigned by the Director of Athletics.

Bachelor's degree and previous lacrosse coaching experience. Preference will be given to those candidates who have a Master's degree and those having collegiate lacrosse coaching experience. Additionally, an understanding of and commitment to, NCAA rules and regulations is required.

Please send a letter of application, resume and the names of three references to Head Lacrosse Search via email: **jobs@norwich.edu**. A review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

For more information about this and other great jobs, please visit our website
www.norwich.edu/jobs.

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OGE, Attn: Hiring, 152 Cherry St., Burlington, VT 05401

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Full-time Trainer

Prevent Child Abuse Vermont is seeking a full-time Trainer to conduct Internet and technology safety trainings for adults and adolescents part time and child sexual abuse prevention trainings to early childcare educators, parents and others part-time. Position requires organization, flexibility and extensive in-state travel. Must have experience teaching and training adult learners and adolescents; knowledge of early childhood and adolescent development and knowledge of child sexual abuse. Bachelor's or Master's degree in child development, social work or education required. Salary commensurate with experience; benefits.

Please send cover letter, resume and 3 references to:

SEARCH
PO Box 829
Montpelier, VT 05601-0829
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Please send resume to:
VP Operations
PayData Payroll Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 706
Essex Jct., VT 05453
hr@paydata.com

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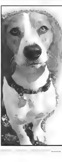

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The UNIVERSITY of VERMONT

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Resume and cover letter to:
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Champlain Valley Agency on Aging

STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR LIFE?

Champlain Valley Agency on Aging is recruiting members for paid positions in the Neighbor-to-Neighbor AmeriCorps program. Members work with seniors, recruit volunteers and organize programs. This 11-month service-learning program provides experience in community development, social services, and public relations. Ideal for recent graduates or people between careers. Benefits include living allowance, travel reimbursement, health care plan, and an education award at the end of the term. Members of all ages are welcome; diversity is one of the program's strengths. Must be 18 years of age and have completed high school or be working toward a GED. Qualifications include ability to travel independently and clear record on background checks. You can make a difference in your own life and the lives of others in your community.

To learn more, call CVAA at 1-800-642-5119 or visit n2namericorps.org

Champlain Valley Agency on Aging, Inc. is a private, nonprofit United Way organization with a mission of helping people age with independence and dignity.

Cathedral Square Corporation

Cathedral Square Corporation, a nonprofit organization providing housing and services for seniors throughout Vermont, is seeking [illegible]

Part-time Cooks

Prepare meals for our residents 15-20 hrs/week. Duties encompass all facets of kitchen operations including ordering, preparing, transporting, serving and clean-up. Must possess a valid driver's license and be willing to travel between properties during a shift to transport food, equipment and supplies. CSC offers a competitive salary and a friendly working environment. Submit resume or application to:

CSC, Human Resources
412 Farrell Street, Suite 100
So. Burlington, VT 05403
fax to **802-863-6661**
or email to **jobs@cathedralsquare.org**
EOE

Spruce Mountain Inn

CLINICAL CASE MANAGER

35-40 hour position. We are seeking a detail oriented person with excellent communication, problem solving and clinical skills. Function as a member of a multidisciplinary team and provide intensive case management services to a small caseload of young adult clients within the context of a highly structured therapeutic community. Master's degree and experience in Case Management necessary. License preferred.

SUBSTITUTE RESIDENTIAL COUNSELORS

Needed for all shifts (evenings, weekends and overnights, especially). Awake overnight position available Sunday, Monday and Tuesdays 11pm - 8:30am.
Send letter of interest and resume to:
Candace Beardsley, LICSW, Director
Spruce Mountain Inn
Box 153
Plainfield, VT 05403
cbeardsley@sprucemountaininn.com

RetailVision, the nation's leading specialty magazine distributor based in Middlebury, VT has immediate openings for a Business Manager and a Programmer Analyst.

Business Manager – Finance management, General Ledger, Balance Sheet Reconciliations, Budgeting/Forecasting. Prior management experience. College degree in Finance or Accounting. 5+ years of financial management experience.

Programmer Analyst – Enhancements and development of RetailVision's proprietary system. Skills/experience with VB, ASP, .NET, SQL. Additional skills in VFP a plus. College degree with concentration in MIS or IT.

Both positions require strong written/oral communication, analytical thinking and a positive attitude. Interested parties should submit resume and salary requirements to **mediajobs@sourceinterlink.com**, fax to **212-915-4173** or mail to:

Human Resources Dept
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AmeriCorps Member
Homesharing & Outreach Assistant

Would you like to help people looking for a place to live while matching them with elders and persons with disabilities? HomeShare Vermont is looking for a Homesharing & Outreach Assistant starting full-time September 24 and completing 1700 hours of service by August 21, 2009. The position will help with outreach, developing written materials and providing direct services to clients. It requires a BA or comparable life and work experience, and strong computer and writing skills. Reliable vehicle, driver's license, proof of insurance and good driving record required. Compensation includes a $11,851 living allowance and basic health insurance. Once the service is completed, the member also earns a $4,725 AmeriCorps Education Award to cover student loans or future tuition costs.

HomeShare
VERMONT

Contact HomeShare Vermont for an application packet at 802-863-5625 or at home@sover.net.

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EOE

[illegible] is looking for **Line Cooks** and **Lead Line Cooks**. Great working environment, competitive wages, uniform, meals [illegible]. Please apply in person at [illegible] St., The Blue Mall

[illegible]

Part-time Cook
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Experience a must.
Apply in person at
1200 North Ave,
Burlington, across
from the DMV.

LONG TRAIL

Green Mountain Club Group

Outreach Specialist Position:

The Green Mountain Club, manager and protector of the Long Trail hiking system, seeks an AmeriCorps member to fill an exciting service opportunity as Group Outreach Specialist. Responsibilities include providing educational outreach programs and workshops for schools, camps, and other groups both on and off the trail, working with volunteer trail groups, and [illegible] duties as required to support the Education Program. Full-time benefits include a $13,050 (pre-tax) living allowance, $4725 (pre-tax) educational award, health insurance, school loan forbearance, many training and networking opportunities (including Wilderness First Aid/First Responder, CPR, Leave No Trace Master, and Conflict Resolution, among others) for an 11-month commitment.

Applications are due by August 29[illegible]

Send resume, letter of interest, and three references to:
The Green Mountain Club:
Group Outreach Specialist Search
ATTN: Pete Antos-Ketcham
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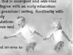

We offer paid leave, tuition assistance and a chance to make a difference in children's lives!

Please send your letter of interest and resume to:
Joanna VonCulin, Director
Greensboro Early Learning Center
1160 Main Street
Greensboro Bend, VT 05842
greensboroelc@verizon.net

NROC

Community Builder

Northgate Residents Ownership Corporation (NROC) the non-profit owner of Northgate Apartments seeks Community Builder to provide training and technical assistance to board members in their governance roles, to implement membership activities for residents of the complex and to help develop future leaders for NROC.

Qualified candidates will be outgoing and have excellent interpersonal skills, and must have at least one year of professional experience in housing management, cooperatives, group facilitation, training and/or community organizing, be able to multi-task, have excellent organizational and planning skills, possess excellent verbal and written communication skills, computer proficiency including database management, enjoy a customer and community-oriented team environment, and be committed to a membership-based model of community controlled and permanently affordable housing.

Must be able to work full-time and be available for regular evening and weekend meetings. Publication, design, and financial experience are pluses. Competitive salary offered commensurate with experience. Benefits include health insurance, vacation, holiday and sick leave. *Cover letter and resume by Monday August 25st 2008 to Shellie Spaulding, President*

Northgate Residents Ownership Corporation
Northgate Office,
275 Northgate rd
Burlington, VT 05408

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ANNUAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR

FAIRBANKS MUSEUM AND PLANETARIUM ST. JOHNSBURY, VT

Half-time, exempt position responsible for the stewardship and growth of the Museum's program of annual support by individuals. Measurable indicators of the success will include growth in the number of individual and family supporters, significant growth in total Museum annual support income, and donor retention that exceeds standards in the field. The Annual Support Coordinator will design and apply strategies for promoting and recruiting support for the Museum; processing, acknowledging and recognizing donors; successfully obtaining annual renewals at the same or higher levels of support; eliciting donor feedback on donor benefits, programs and services; tracking donor trends and reporting these to the Director of External Relations, the Executive Director, the Board of Trustees and the donors. Other duties include mastery and management of the Museum's fundraising software and prompt recording and acknowledgement of all contributions. This position requires focus, creativity, initiative and results orientation. Experience in nonprofit fundraising preferred.

To apply, submit letter and resume by [illegible]

Charles Browne
1302 Main Street
St. Johnsbury VT 05819
cbrowne@fairbanksmuseum.org
No phone inquiries, please

CENTRAL VERMONT
ADULT BASIC EDUCATION
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DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Community-based education nonprofit seeking the person who is inspired by the organization's compelling literacy mission and long history of effective service and can generate increasing levels of support for its continuation. Responsibilities include full time development leadership and direct activity related to fundraising. Applicants must demonstrate skill and experience in the areas of public relations, research, writing, planning, collaboration, and database management. Selection will be based on evidence of a successful track record of donor identification, cultivation, solicitation, and meeting fundraising targets.

Please submit cover letter, resume, list of references
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EXECUTIVE TEAM
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